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## Boeing 707 slams into a mountain in the Azores 144 'perish' as US airliner crashes

LISBON, Portugal, Feb. 8, (Agencies): An American jet carrying 144 people crashed today into a mountain in the Azores, and a Portuguese news agency quoted an official as saying all on board appeared to have died.

The Boeing 707 burst into flames after it slammed into a mountain seven kilometres (four miles) from the airport on the island of Santa Maria, the Lusa news agency quoted an Azores civil protection official as saying.

The aircraft belonged to the US airline Independent Air Corp., based in Smyrna, Tennessee.

Jan Shoemaker, a company spokesperson, said the plane was carrying 137 Italian tourists and a crew of seven from Bergamo, Italy, to the Dominican Republic. It was scheduled to make a refuelling stop in the Azores.

The scene of the crash is in very rugged country, making it all the more difficult to reach the wreckage, an official said.

Portuguese naval vessels with medical teams were steaming to the island.

A spokesman at Bergamo Airport said Italian tour companies had arranged the charter. The aircraft had left Bergamo at 1000 GMT.

The US armed forces have a big air and naval base at Lajes on the island of Terceira, north of Santa Maria.

The Azores, a group of nine islands which are an autonomous region of Portugal, have a population of about 250,000 and their beaches attract thousands of tourists each year.



HH the Crown Prince (left) offers prayers at the Monument of the Unknown Soldier.

## Pakistan on the threshold of making nuclear weapons

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8, (AP): Pakistan's ambassador to the United States has said his nation was on the "threshold" of developing nuclear weapons but did not intend to build them, preferring to seek accord with neighbouring India.

"It is right to say that we are one of the 'threshold' states," said Ambassador Jamshed K.A. Marker in what appeared to be the most explicit acknowledgement to date that Pakistan could develop the bomb if it chose.

"We have deliberately chosen not to take the final step, to build a bomb and test it, because we don't think it is right," Marker said in an interview on the public television programme "American Interests" to be broadcast this weekend.

State Department, non-government and foreign diplomatic experts said they did not believe Marker had intended to go beyond statements made in December by Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto that Pakistan had a purely peaceful nuclear programme.

Benazir and her Indian counterpart Rajiv Gandhi met in Islamabad on Dec 31 and signed an agreement not to attack each other's nuclear facilities, viewed as a possible first step to a regional non-proliferation accord.

Neither Pakistan nor India have signed the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty of 1968. They have fought several wars since achieving independence from Britain after World War II.

Pakistan wants to make sure that it receives the same treatment in the international community as India, which claims not to have an atomic arsenal but exploded what it called a peaceful nuclear device in 1974.

"To us, it sounded like a bomb," said Marker. "We are exercising our nuclear option. We will not remove this option until we get assurances of equality."

Marker also said he was confident that Pakistan would be certified as a non-nuclear nation by the Bush administration, a requirement Congress has set before it will allow that nation to receive further military assistance.

Rajiv said today in New Delhi he was worried about Pakistan's nuclear capabilities, and said India had no need to smuggle in a heavy metal used to enhance nuclear weapons.

In an interview with Australian Television, Rajiv said India was worried about Pakistan's admission that it had tested a long-range surface-to-surface missile, capable of carrying a nuclear weapon.

He said the recent disclosures about Pakistan's nuclear programme were "very worrying" but did not mean Islamabad had already developed a nuclear weapon.

He said he hoped the United States would exert pressure on Pakistan to prevent it from making nuclear bombs.

The Indian prime minister denied reports India had illegally imported beryllium from West Germany, saying India already had sufficient supplies of the heavy metal.

Washington has accused a West German company of exporting beryllium, which can enhance the power of nuclear bombs but which also has peaceful uses, to India in 1984 without the required permission from US authorities.

### Wall Street at post-crash high

NEW YORK, Feb. 8, (AP): Stock prices pushed ahead this morning, extending yesterday's advance that carried the market to new post-crash highs.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks rose 10.54 points in the first half hour but the gain has shrunk to 1.79 points at 2,348.93 at 10.30 am EST (1530 GMT) in the first hour of trading.

The market's rally that began in late November showed signs of flattening out in the first few sessions of this month.

## UN renews mandate of Gulf peacekeepers

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 8, (AP): The Security Council today called on Iran and Iraq to withdraw their troops to the border and release all prisoners of war, and it authorised UN peacekeepers to keep monitoring the Gulf war zone.

The 15-member council voted unanimously to call upon the warring nations to "immediately implement Security Council Resolution 598," passed in 1987, which demands a ceasefire, withdrawal, prisoner exchange and peace talks.

## Tamils call for UN mediation in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Feb. 8, (Reuters): Sri Lanka's separatist Tamil guerrillas have called on the United Nations for the first time to help mediate a negotiated settlement of the island's bloody ethnic conflict.

The appeal by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), who are fighting for an independent homeland, came in a letter to the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva, a copy of which was given to Reuters today.

The LTTE also appealed to the commission to help persuade the Indian government to call an immediate ceasefire in its fight against Tiger guerrillas in the north and east.

The appeal marked the first time the group has asked UN help in the conflict.

The Tamil Tigers also asked for an immediate withdrawal of the 45,000 Indian troops on the island.

The LTTE told the commission that India had lost its status as an "impartial mediator and peacemaker" and that both Sri Lanka's Sinhalese and Tamil people were opposed to the presence of Indian troops.

"We appeal to you to use your good offices to persuade the government of India to effect an immediate ceasefire and to withdraw all troops from the Tamil homeland," the LTTE said in its letter.

"Our organisation favours the mediation of the United Nations which can play a positive and constructive role in establishing peace and normalcy in the Tamil region and in finding a (Continued on Page 2)

## Sheikh Saad continues talks in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Feb. 8, (Agencies): HH the Crown Prince and Premier of Kuwait Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah today held further talks with vice-chairman of Iraq's Revolutionary Command Council Izzat Ibrahim.

They discussed issues of mutual concern and other Arab issues.

A Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry delegation also conferred with Iraqi State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saadoun Hamadi. The Kuwaiti side was led by State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saad Al Osaimi.

A message from Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, who chairs the Arab League committee on the Lebanese crisis, was relayed to Hamadi briefing him on the committee's activities.

Hamadi expressed his appreciation for Sheikh Sabah and stressed the need to rally Arab efforts to ensure Lebanon's independence and integrity.

Sheikh Saad today visited Iraqi Air Force base. He visited yesterday the Monument of the Unknown Soldier.

Sheikh Saad has extended his visit to Iraq till Saturday.

Meanwhile, in an interview with the Soviet Television, Sheikh Saad said Kuwait's foreign policy is based on the principles of peace and humanity. Kuwait also believes in non-interference in other's internal affairs.

Sheikh Saad added that Kuwait is always making efforts to end tension in "our region and in the whole world in order to achieve peace, security and stability."

## Having trade is better than exchanging fire

ABU DHABI, Feb. 8, (Reuters): Iranian and Iraqi officials smiled and shook hands at an Islamic trade conference in Abu Dhabi though Tehran and Baghdad have yet to reach settlement after the eight-year Gulf war.

"We shook hands and had a cordial talk on Islamic and other issues," Jassim Mohammed Yousuf, deputy chairman of Iraq's Chamber of Commerce, said.

"We want permanent peace, and I think if the head of Iraq (President Saddam Hussein) agreed to peace, it would be achieved very soon," said Ali Naqi Khamoushi, head of Iran's Chamber of Commerce.

Iran and Iraq have observed a ceasefire since Aug 20 but disagree over terms for a durable peace.

Asked if Iran was ready to reopen trade with Iraq, Khamoushi replied: "Of course, better than exchanging fire."

Delegates at the conference of Islamic Chambers of Commerce Federation said Yousuf and Khamoushi were seated next to each other on purpose and they were pleasantly surprised by their reaction.

## Kuwait to put its flag back on tankers

KUWAIT, Feb. 8, (Reuters): Kuwait's oil minister said in remarks published today that Kuwait would haul down foreign flags on its oil tankers as soon as navigation in the Gulf was completely secure.

"If it is proven to us that ... secure passage in accordance with international law is not interfered with, then we are ready to end the registration of our tankers (abroad) today," Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa said.

Massive

Kuwait registered 20 tankers in the United States, Britain and Liberia in 1987 to win big power naval protection and protect them from Iranian attack in the Gulf. The move contributed to a massive foreign build-up of foreign naval fleets in the Gulf.

Iran regularly attacked ships serving Gulf Arab states in retaliation for their support to its war foe Iraq.

Since an Iran-Iraq ceasefire last August, Kuwait has gradually reverted to the Kuwaiti flag, cancelling the registration of six tankers in Liberia late last year.

"We hope to take other steps in this direction," Sheikh Ali said in remarks to be published on Friday by the Paris-based Arabic weekly Al Watan Al Arabi and carried today by the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA).

Sure

A senior shipping source said the American flag would be hauled down on six tankers later this month, leaving the Kuwait Oil Tanker Company with five ships registered in the United States and three in Britain.

"We want to make sure first that this decision (to revert to the Kuwaiti flag) is correct because we bear the responsibility of ensuring the flow of our oil to countries of the world," Sheikh Ali said.

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**WEATHER**

PARTLY cloudy weather with light to moderate north-westerly wind. State of sea: slight to moderate. High water: 1.00 am, 2.30 pm. Low water: 8.30 am, 8.30 pm. Sunrise: 6.33 am. Sunset: 5.32 pm.

Maximum temperatures recorded:  
Kuwait: 18°C 64°F  
Ahmed: 16°C 61°F  
Falkland: 16°C 61°F

Minimum temperatures recorded:  
Kuwait: 0°C 32°F  
Ahmed: 8°C 46°F  
Falkland: 9°C 48°F

Maximum temperatures expected:  
Kuwait: 19°C 66°F  
Ahmed: 17°C 63°F  
Falkland: 17°C 63°F

Maximum humidity recorded:  
Kuwait: 30 per cent  
Ahmed: 50 per cent  
Falkland: 75 per cent

## Lebanese religious leaders invited for talks

BEIRUT, Feb. 8, (Reuters): A Kuwaiti envoy said today an Arab League committee would hold talks with Lebanese Muslim and Christian religious leaders in Kuwait on Monday to try to end Lebanon's five-month-old political crisis.

Kuwait's Ambassador to Syria Sheikh Ahmed Abdel Aziz Al Jassam made the announcement after he arrived in West Beirut where he handed invitations to Muslim clerics on behalf of the committee's chairman, Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah.

Al Jassam said a three-day committee meeting of foreign ministers of Kuwait, Jordan, Algeria, Tunisia, Sudan, the United Arab Emirates and Arab League Secretary-General Chedli Klibi would open in Kuwait on Feb 20.

The Kuwaiti envoy is scheduled to cross the Green Line battle zone to meet the Christian Maronite Patriarch.

## Four Palestinians die from shooting

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, Feb. 8, (Reuters): A Jewish settler was burned to death today when Palestinians hurled a firebomb at his car in the occupied West Bank and four Arabs died from Army gunfire.

The death toll was the highest in one day for two months.

Military sources said the Israeli died after his car was set ablaze by Palestinians near the settlement of Alfei Menashe. Troops rushed to the scene of the attack, set up roadblocks and hunted for suspects.

Wounded

The settler, whose identity was not immediately known, is the 15th Israeli killed in a 14-month-old Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and occupied Gaza Strip. At least 387 Arabs have died in the violence.

Military police shot dead an Arab prisoner and wounded at least 19 during a prison riot in northern Israel sparked by the prison authorities' decision to cancel family visits.

Hundreds of the inmates' relatives waiting outside the prison stoned soldiers, smashed their parked cars and blocked roads when they heard the authorities' decision. Military sources said at least 200 people were arrested in the riot.

Officials at Megiddo prison said they cancelled visits to the prisoners, jailed for anti-Israeli activity, after relatives tried to raise an outlawed Palestinian flag and shouted hostile slogans.

In the West Bank, troops shot dead two Palestinian teenagers while in an Israeli clinic an Arab from Gaza, shot in clashes with the Army yesterday, died of his wounds, military sources and hospital officials said.

Wednesday's death toll, the highest in one day since four Palestinians were killed and four others fatally wounded in Nabulus in December, came amid mounting controversy over Israel's use of force to crush the revolt.

## Khomeini to free political prisoners

NICOSIA, Feb. 8, (Reuters): Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini has agreed to an amnesty for political prisoners, Tehran Radio said today.

The radio quoted Khomeini as urging the families of those released to keep them out of further troubles, indicating that the measure applied mainly to young members of left-wing opposition parties, called "grouplets" in Iran.

It said 900 prisoners would be excluded from the amnesty, which marks the 10th anniversary of Khomeini's Islamic revolution. The most recent official figure for political prisoners in Iran, made public a year ago, put their number at about 9,000. Opposition groups put the number in tens of thousands.

The measure was proposed by Intelligence (Internal Security) Minister Mohammad Mohammedi Reyshahri, who said armed opposition groups no longer posed a threat to the Islamic republic.

The radio, did not give the terms of the amnesty or the number of prisoners affected but Reyshahri said all but 900 "grouplet prisoners" would be freed. There was no mention of repentance, a condition previously observed in pardoning individual political prisoners.

"I hope the respected families of grouplet prisoners will advise their children not to take actions which would cause inconvenience for themselves and their relatives again," Khomeini said in reply to Reyshahri.

## US criticises PLO for clash

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8, (AP): A State Department spokesman criticised the PLO yesterday because of a clash with Israeli forces in southern Lebanon but reserved judgement on whether it would disrupt the US dialogue with Yasser Arafat's group.

"We take this incident very seriously," spokesman Charles Redman said. "It can have a negative impact on the US-PLO dialogue and the atmosphere necessary for a positive Palestinian-Israeli dialogue."

Urged

Robert Pelletreau, the US Ambassador to Tunisia, was instructed to take the matter up immediately with PLO officials. It would be his fourth meeting with Arafat's representatives since former President Reagan broke a ban last December on US talks with the PLO.

The attempted raid, in which four Palestinians and one Lebanese were killed, was the first against Israel since Arafat made a public statement urged on him by the State Department renouncing terrorism in all forms. He also accepted Israel's right to exist and UN Security Council resolutions calling for secure borders for all countries in the Middle East.

Former Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy and other senior US officials cautioned the PLO at the time that the dialogue would be suspended if Arafat broke his pledge to eschew terrorism in his dispute with Israel.

Demande

In Damascus, a radical Palestinian leader said today the PLO would continue military operations against Israel regardless of US reaction.

"We will continue to carry out military actions against Israel and we will not for one moment refrain from this regardless of what the US might decide against us," Abu Ali Mustafa, a member of the PLO executive committee, said.

Mustafa, deputy chairman of George Habash's radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), was commenting on Israeli demands for Washington to end its new dialogue with the PLO.

At the United Nations, Arab members were expected to approve a call for a Security Council meeting on violence in the West Bank, where a 14-month uprising has cost the lives of 383 Palestinians in clashes with Israeli forces.

The Palestine Observer Mission initiated the move with a letter to Council President Jai Pratap Rana of Nepal, stating that the "dangerous situation requires official consideration by the Security Council."

Diplomatic sources said the 15-nation council might meet as early as Friday.

## Rocket kills 7

KABUL, Feb. 8, (Reuters): A rocket crashed into a crowd of people queuing for a bus in the Afghan capital today, killing seven people and injuring 21, Afghan television said.



## Sex surveys, use of condoms needed in AIDS war: study

WASHINGTON, Feb 8, (AP): The AIDS epidemic will extend well into the next century, and to combat it the United States must conduct extensive sex surveys, provide sex education in plain language and distribute condoms widely, according to a study released today.

The study by the National Research Council says the nation's war against acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and the virus that causes it, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), is handicapped by outdated data on the sex habits of US citizens and by poor studies on precisely how many people now carry the AIDS virus.

**Risk**  
The study said public health authorities have a "pressing national need" for statistics gathered in a variety of surveys, including AIDS blood tests from a wide segment of the population, such as newborns and women seeking abortions, and for well-designed studies of homosexuals, prostitutes and intravenous drug users, some of the major risk groups for the disease.

The United States, the study said, faces a long, difficult battle against the AIDS virus and that effort will continue even after a cure is found.

"The struggle to retard the spread of HIV is likely to persist well into the next century," the study said.

AIDS is a disease that destroys the body's immune system and its ability to fight infection. Patients usually die of infections or cancers.

**Spread**  
The disease is usually spread through sexual contact, but also through contact with blood, blood products or from a pregnant woman to her child.

Most of the victims in the US are homosexuals or intravenous drug users, but the disease has been spread through heterosexual contact, contaminated blood transfusions, and from mother to newborn.

The National Research Council is an arm of the National Academy of Sciences, a private, non-profit group that advises the government on scientific matters.

## 85 killed in 1988 Soviet airline crashes: statistic

MOSCOW, Feb 8, (AP): Eighty-five people were killed aboard planes of the Soviet airline Aeroflot last year, far higher than the number killed the previous year but lower than comparable figures world-wide, officials said today.

Mikhail M. Tereshenko, Aeroflot's chief pilot, disclosed the statistic at a news conference called to mark the 66th anniversary yesterday of the airline, the world's largest.

He said the deaths, in 16 crashes, did not include people in hijackings. Last March, a family of 11 Siberian jazz musicians commandeered an Aeroflot plane flying from Siberia to Leningrad. They killed a stewardess and three passengers, and four of the hijackers committed suicide after killing their mother, the Soviet press has reported.

In 1987, Tereshenko said, 18 people died in 13 crashes. However, that statement con-

tradicts an announcement made a year ago by Vladimir Y. Potemkin, deputy chief of flight services, who put the 1987 death toll at 47. It was not clear why the figures did not match.

Tereshenko said Aeroflot had 1.8 times fewer fatalities than the world average.

Aeroflot began releasing details of its safety record only last year, another example of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's campaign for glasnost, or openness.

The glasnost campaign has also brought a flurry of reports and letters in the official Soviet press complaining about Aeroflot.

Boris E. Panyukov, first deputy Civil Aviation Minister, said at today's news conference that there were "13 million unsatisfied people" among Aeroflot's 124 million passengers in 1988.

## Non-smokers on flights get an unhealthy dose of smoke

CHICAGO, Feb 8, (Reuters): Non-smokers get an unhealthy dose of cigarette smoke even if they sit far from the smoking section of an airplane, researchers said today.

In some cases, particularly in many late-model passenger jets where half the cabin air is recycled back into the plane, the atmosphere in the non-smoking sections was as bad or worse than the smoking section.

Researcher Margaret Mattson of the National Cancer Institute monitored nicotine levels in four passengers and five flight attendants on four routine commercial flights of about four hours each. The results were published in this week's journal of the American Medical Association.

**Important**  
"Seating section was a less important predictor of actual nicotine exposure," Mattson wrote. "This bears out travellers' anecdotal observations that the section in which one sits is often not as important in determining exposure to smoke as is the environment generated by one's neighbours."

A majority of scientists say that passive smoking increases the risks of lung cancer and other health problems associated with cigarettes.

The growing number of planes being built that recirculate some of the cabin air will increase the problems posed by passive smoking, the study said.

## Nanda evicted

NEW DELHI, Feb 8 (KUNA): The belongings of Gulzarilal Nanda, former prime minister of India, were thrown out from his rented house yesterday following a decree for eviction by the rent controller of Delhi.

Nanda has not been able to pay outstanding rent arrears of \$1800. He had occupied the flat in 1978 after surrendering the government accommodation and was paying \$80 rent per month.

Nanda led a very simple and quiet life. Though he had been living there for about ten years, his belongings consisted of a table, a chair and some kitchenware.

## Disapproval goes to Bush

# Congress rejects pay raise

WASHINGTON, Feb 8, (AP): Congress voted overwhelmingly to turn down its 51-per cent pay raise and rushed the legislation to President George Bush for his signature last night, hours before a midnight deadline.

Lawmakers were eager to end the public outcry against the \$45,000 increase, which left them feeling, in the words of Democratic Congressman Vic Fazio, like "cannon fodder for trash television and talk radio."

First, the House of Representatives voted to reject the raise by a vote of 380-48. Less than three hours later, the Senate followed suit by a vote of 94-6.

**Denied**  
The raise would have become law at midnight without Bush's signature on the resolution rejecting it. Bush had supported the raise, but went along with Congress, signing the measure hours after the congressional vote.

The votes also denied large raises for top federal executives and federal judges. The constitu-

tion forbids judicial raises from being scaled back once they have taken effect.

Bush had supported the pay raise and said in a statement last night "I believe some level of pay increase is in order and I will be working with the house and Senate leadership to develop proposals to achieve that end."

He cited a "special concern" about judges' pay.

Some lawmakers predicted that defeating the raises would accelerate an exodus of judges and federal managers from government service.

Indeed, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist of the Supreme Court said in a statement.

"I deeply regret the congressional action, which has prevented the federal judges in this country from receiving a well-deserved pay raise. ... we will not be able to attract and retain the kind of judges we need ... unless we pay our judges fairly and equitably."

Senator Bob Dole, leader of

his Senate's minority Republicans, said Bush told senators yesterday he might ask Congress to approve lesser raises for the judges and executives.

With its votes, Congress rejected raises proposed by a presidential commission and endorsed by then-President Reagan. Senators and representatives would have seen their salaries rise from \$89,500 to \$135,000.

**Desire**  
During its less than 30 minutes of debate, the Senate heard Republican Jesse Helms, a foe of the raise, proclaim that the vote shows the American people that "you can fight city hall and you can take on the Congress of the United States with all its legions and all its legislative ability."

Despite the overwhelming House margin, members were clearly torn between their desire for a pay raise and the public

scorn heaped upon them for considering the increase.

The chamber applauded loudly when Congressman Dan Rostenkowski, a Democrat, told colleagues in a rousing speech before the vote, "each member of this House, Democrat and Republican, is worth a salary of \$135,000 a year."

Besides the raise for members of Congress, the presidential commission had proposed:

● Increasing the President's pay from \$200,000 to \$350,000 and the Vice-President's from \$115,000 to \$175,000. The raises would have taken effect after the current presidential and vice-presidential terms.

● Raising the salaries of top federal officials, now in the range of \$75,000 to \$99,500, to a range of \$115,000 to \$155,000.

● Hiking the salary of the chief justice from \$115,000 to \$175,000 and the salaries of associate justices of the Supreme Court from \$110,000 to \$165,000.

## Last Emperor tops British Academy nominations

LONDON, Feb 8, (AP): "The Last Emperor" and "A Fish Called Wanda" topped the nominations for the 1988 film awards from the British Academy of Film and Television Arts.

The two movies will compete for best picture alongside Frenchman Louis Malle's semi-autobiographical "Au Revoir Les Enfants" and the Danish "Babette's Feast," by Gabriel Axel. All four filmmakers were nominated for best director.

The four best picture nominees received 30 of 68 nominations in 17 categories honouring films from around the world released in Britain during 1988.

Winners in the craft division will be announced on March 5 and those in the production and performance categories on March 19. Both ceremonies will be televised live.

"The Last Emperor," Bernardo Bertolucci's epic film about the Chinese emperor who ascended the throne at the age of three, led the crop with 11 nominations, and "A Fish Called Wanda," the sleeper comedy hit about Anglo-American differences, followed with nine.

**Contests**  
"A Fish Called Wanda" is expected to figure in this year's US Academy awards contests, for which nominations will be announced on Feb 15. Its director, Charles Crichton, last week received a nomination from the Directors' Guild of America.

"Au Revoir Les Enfants," and "Babette's Feast" also are British Academy nominees for best foreign film alongside the Italian movie "Dark Eyes" and Wim Wenders' German-language "Wings of Desire."

"Empire of the Sun" and "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" received 11 nominations between them. Each was nominated for best adapted screenplay and in numerous technical categories.

Last Year's much-lauded "Moonstruck" received four nominations, including best actress (Cher), best supporting actress (Olympia Dukakis), and best original screenplay (John Patrick Shanley). All three won Oscars in the same categories last March.

John Cleese and Kevin Kline, who first appeared together in the movie "Silverado," are both best actor nominees for "A Fish Called Wanda," alongside Robin Williams for "Good Morning Vietnam" and Michael Douglas for "Fatal Attraction."

Best actress nominees are Cher, Jamie Lee Curtis for "A Fish Called Wanda," Stephanie Audran for "Babette's Feast," and Maggie Smith for "The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne."

Judi Dench, who won best supporting actress two years ago for "A Room With a View" and was nominated last year for "84 Charing Cross Road," was nominated again this year for "A Handful of Dust," Charles Sturridge's movie adaptation of the Evelyn Waugh novel.

Her competitors are Olympia Dukakis, Maria Aitken for "A Fish Called Wanda," and Anne Archer for "Fatal Attraction."

Best supporting actor candidates are Peter O'Toole for "The Last Emperor," Jos Ackland for "White Mischief," Michael Palin for "A Fish Called Wanda," and David Suchet for "A World Apart."

The failure of "A World Apart" to receive more nominations was a minor surprise, since the movie about apartheid received extensive press and generally excellent reviews in Britain. Screenwriter Shawn Slovo is its only other nominee.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Indira prize

NEW DELHI, Feb 8, (UPI): Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland today was declared the winner of the \$100,000 Indira Gandhi prize for peace, disarmament and development for her work on environmental and development issues.

Vice-President Shankar Dayal Sharma announced the selection by a six-member jury of Brundtland as the third recipient of the award named for the Indian leader assassinated in October 1984.

### Drinking habits

WASHINGTON, Feb 8, (Reuters): Questions about John Tower's drinking habits are said to be worrying members of the Senate Armed Services Committee as it considers his nomination as defence secretary.

Democrat James Exon of Nebraska yesterday became the first committee member to air the concerns in public as panel Democrats and Republicans broke ranks on the nomination while awaiting a report prepared by the FBI in response to new charges against Tower.

### Unsolved crimes

MOSCOW, Feb 8, (Reuters): Nearly half a million crimes went unsolved in the Soviet Union last year, roughly double the number from the year before, chief prosecutor Alexander Sukharev told law officials yesterday.

There were 463,000 unsolved crimes in 1988, up from 259,000 in 1987, Sukharev said, according to Soviet television.

Reported crimes were up by four per cent last year, he said, and complained that organised crime and juvenile delinquency were on the rise.

### Sean Connery

LOS ANGELES, Feb 8, (Reuters): Actor Sean Connery, star of seven James Bond films, has successfully undergone a throat operation but he must not talk for a month, his wife said yesterday.

Connery has had a node removed from his vocal chord, Micheline Connery said in a statement issued through a press agent.

### Talks resume

WARSAW, Feb 8, (AP): Talks between the opposition and government on solving Poland's economic problems resumed today, as a strike for higher pay shut down a coal mine supplying Poland's biggest electric power plant.

A partial work stoppage that began yesterday at the Belchatow coal mine and power plant widened to totally shut down the mine beginning at 12:01 am today (0101 GMT), state television and the banned Solidarity trade union reported.

### Hassan to mediate

BRUSSELS, Feb 8, (Reuters): Belgium said today it had accepted an offer from Morocco's King Hassan to mediate in its three-month row with Zaire.

"The mediation is going to start but we don't know whether King Hassan will carry it out in person or appoint a special representative," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said. "The mediator will first take stock of the situation."

## Tamils call for UN...

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negotiated political settlement to the ethnic conflict," it said.

The LTTE accused the Indian forces of engaging "in a ruthless and brutal war against innocent civilian masses causing intolerable suffering to the Tamil people" under the mantle of peacekeeping operations.

An Indian High Commission spokeswoman said they were unaware of the UN appeal.

Diplomats said the LTTE last year called on the Indian government to effect a ceasefire and enter into negotiations, but the Indian authorities demanded the guerrillas first lay down their arms.

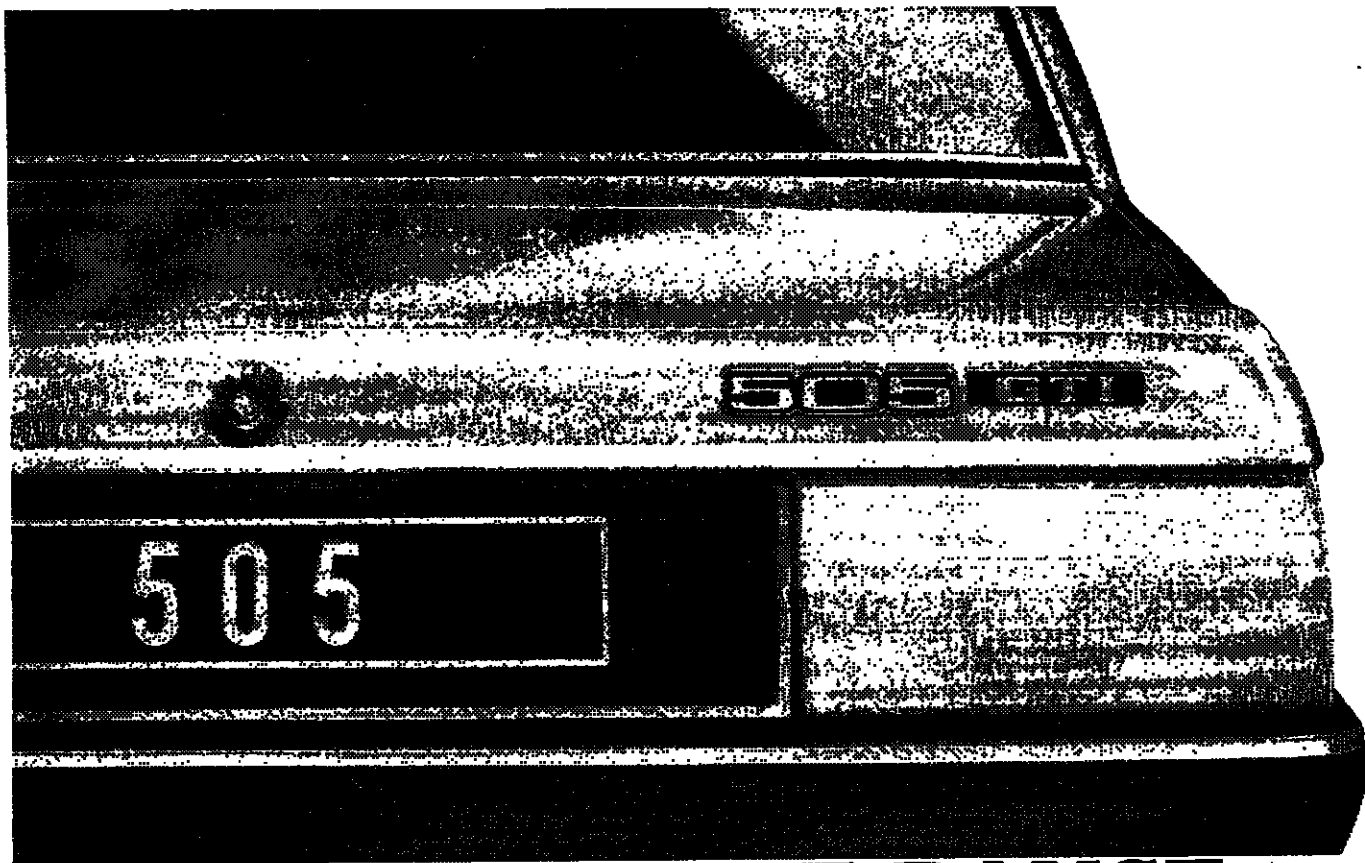
The conflict has killed more than 10,000 people over the past six years.

The Tiger appeal came a day after Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa repeated an invitation to enter negotiations to the Tamil guerrillas in the north and extremists Sinhalese rebels in the south.

The Tiger appeal also came as a battalion of Indian troops, numbering up to 1,500 men, prepared to withdraw from Sri Lanka today.

The government announced yesterday that another battalion would leave in the next fortnight.

Military sources said it was part of a phased withdrawal following a request made to the Indian government by Premadasa soon after his election in December.

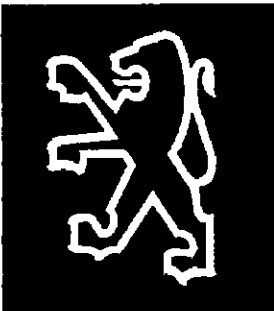


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## Bitter cold easing in America

NEW YORK, Feb 8, (AP): A slight warming trend today gave fruit farmers something to cheer about and held out the promise of a return to a normal winter for much of the nation after more than a week of record cold.

"The freeze-a-thon is over," the National Weather Service declared in San Antonio, Texas. Not that spring is just around the corner. Temperatures today in most places were expected to be only slightly higher than those yesterday, when records were set in dozens of cities.

The bitter cold was expected to linger in Colorado particularly, where it was 35 below zero (minus 37 Celsius) early today in the town of Craig. And more cold weather came calling from Canada, moving into the northern plains yesterday and heading towards the Great Lakes, where it was expected to hit late today.

At least 84 deaths have been attributed to the weather since Jan 31, when bitter Arctic air from Alaska made its way into the lower 48 states.

In Idaho, where as many as 1,600 cattle and sheep have died in towering snow drifts, national guardsmen in helicopters flew over the countryside to help ranchers search for surviving livestock. Few were found.

But in one indication of a thaw, the temperature in Fairbanks, Alaska, climbed above zero (minus 17.7 Celsius) yesterday for the first time in 26 days.

"It's been quite a while," Fairbanks meteorologist John Lingas said. He predicted that the mercury, which hit 8 above (minus 13 Celsius) yesterday, would be into the 20s (minus 6.6 Celsius) by Thursday.

Low temperatures in much of California climbed back above freezing early today, ending the crisis for the state's multi-billion-dollar agriculture industry.

Still, farmers said the freeze has already caused serious damage to some citrus crops, prompting increases in the wholesale price of oranges.

Washington state's \$2.7 million apricot crop, the nation's second largest, was badly damaged by the cold, county extension agents said, and the state's winter wheat crop remains threatened.



Yu Kikumura

## Red Army terrorist sentenced

NEWARK, New Jersey, Feb 8, (Reuters): A member of the extremist Japanese Red Army who returned to the US after escaping from Libya has been sentenced to 30 years in jail.

Yu Kikumura complained bitterly that his rights were being violated just before his sentence was read out.

Prosecutors said Kikumura, 34, planned to bomb a US government complex in New York on April 14, 1988, the second anniversary of the Libyan raid. He was arrested with a carload of bomb and explosives two days earlier.

US district judge Alfred Lechner Jr. called Kikumura an "international terrorist" and said he must serve at least 25 of the 30 year sentence before being eligible for parole. He is to be deported on his release from prison.

Lechner told Kikumura, who refused to rise to hear the judge's words: "You planned to kill and injure scores of people. That is what you intended to do, murder and maim people for no apparent reason except because they are Americans."

## Japan pardons 30,000 on Hirohito's funeral

TOKYO, Feb 8, (Reuters): The Japanese government today announced an amnesty for 30,000 suspects, defendants and convicts to take effect on Feb 24, the day of Emperor Hirohito's state funeral.

Eleven million people, including 8.5 million traffic law violators, will have various civil rights restored.

Convicts will have prison terms shortened or nullified while defendants will not have to stand trial as a mark of respect for Hirohito, who died on Jan 7 aged 87, chief cabinet secretary Keizo Obuchi told a news conference.

People convicted or charged in violent crimes, corruption and election-law violations are not included in the amnesty, Obuchi said.

Former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, convicted in 1983 of accepting bribes from the US

Lookheed aircraft company, will not be eligible for an amnesty despite speculation late last year that he would be included.

"(We) expect that those who will benefit from the amnesty will understand the meaning and strive to contribute to society and the nation after starting a new life," he said.

More than a third of those eligible for amnesty were charged under Japan's aliens registration law, most for not carrying their registration card.

Non-Japanese residents, mostly Koreans, who have refused to be fingerprinted under the registration law are eligible for the amnesty, but some have already said they will not accept the offer.

Other offences covered by the amnesty include the sale of black market rice, minor tax evasion, violations of the land price control law and public drunkenness.

## Crew scared of flying to Kabul

# UN Afghan airlift delayed

ISLAMABAD, Feb 8, (Reuters): An emergency UN relief airlift to the battered and hungry Afghan capital of Kabul was stalled because the plane's crew was afraid to fly there, UN officials said today.

In Moscow, the Tass news agency quoted the Afghan Army high command as threatening a full attack if Muslim rebels tried to starve the capital into submission.

France said a decision to supply emergency aid should be delayed until it was clear whether the aid would promote peace or simply help the Soviet-backed government remain in power.

Washington said badly needed food shipments to hungry Afghans could not get through unless all parties in the civil war, including rebel forces, agreed to co-operate.

The Boeing 707, carrying 32 tonnes of milk powder, protein, vegetable oil, medicines and blankets, arrived in the Pakistani capital of Islamabad on Monday night. It sat on the ground all day yesterday as UN officials struggled to clear the red tape.

"Then late in the evening this situation arose with the crew. They refused to leave. All they could talk about was the security situation," one official told Reuters.

"We have called off this operation with the Egyptian plane, but we are making efforts to find another and we are hoping we will be able to send the first cargo tomorrow."

In Peshawar, Pakistan, an agreement between Afghan mujahedeen rebels based in Pakistan and Iran appears to have cleared the way for critical consultative council meeting intended to approve an interim government.

"There were no differences at all," over the agreement, one guerrilla commander said last night after a long meeting with mujahedeen leader Sibghatullah Mojaddidi.

Few details have been released of the agreement between the Peshawar groups, which belong to the majority Sunni sect of the Islamic faith, and the Tehran groups which are Shiites of the minority sect.

Kabul airport has frequently been attacked by Afghan mujahedeen rebels during their nine-year war against the Afghan government and their Soviet backers, who used it as a base for warplanes and helicopters.

The Afghan high command warned residents along the Salang Highway to leave their homes because "resolute measures" were planned against rebels trying to cut the vital supply route between Kabul and the Soviet border, Tass said.

With just one week to go before the last Soviet troops are due to leave Afghanistan, Tass said rebels were again attacking

food and fuel convoys travelling to Kabul along the Salang Highway.

Afghan Prime Minister Mohammed Hassan Sharq has appealed to the United Nations for aid, saying his country faced a "terrific disaster" from food shortages.

A blockade by the mujahedeen has worsened normal winter shortages of food, driving up the price of wheat and cooking oil.

Rebels attacked the airport in Afghanistan's second city and Afghan planes pounded guerrilla positions in the south as Soviet troops began their final withdrawal.

In Kabul, President Najibullah's beleaguered government said it had distributed guns to 30,000 members of his ruling party to defend the capital from rebels seeking to topple him and seize power after the Soviet withdrawal.

## Marcos rules out deal for return to Manila

MANILA, Feb 8, (AP): Ousted President Ferdinand Marcos has ruled out "any deals with anybody" as the price for being allowed to come home and has asked President Corason Aquino to tell her relatives "to stop bothering him about money matters," an opposition senator said today.

Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile said Marcos made the statement to Vice-President Salvador Laurel in Hawaii last Thursday and asked that the message be relayed to Aquino.

Laurel told reporters Saturday he was carrying secret messages for Aquino from the ailing former president, who has asked to return from exile in Hawaii to die in his homeland.

Aquino refused to see Laurel, and he has not disclosed the messages.

But Enrile said Laurel told him Marcos wanted Aquino "to instruct her relatives not to bother President Marcos about money matters." Enrile said Laurel told him of Marcos' remarks on Sunday.

"As far as I know, according to the Vice-President, Marcos told him 'I'm not going to make any deals with anybody,'" Enrile told reporters.

Speculation Last year, Aquino's uncle, Rep. Francisco Sumulong, and a cousin, Rep. Egmidio Tanjateo, visited Marcos in Honolulu. Their visits and that of Laurel prompted speculation Marcos was prepared to negotiate with the government.

Aquino has ruled out negotiations until Marcos returns the \$10 billion he allegedly embezzled before he was ousted in a 1986 uprising and fled to Hawaii.

Last October, a US federal grand jury indicted Marcos and his wife on racketeering charges for allegedly embezzling more than \$100 million and stashing much of it in the United States.

Today, Aquino said she told Mateo Caparas, chairman of the Presidential Commission on Good Government, to contact Marcos' representatives in the United States and determine if he wanted to make a plea bargain on the racketeering charges.

"But we will not negotiate," she told reporters.

## Koreans fail to agree on terms of talks

PANMUNJOM, Korea, Feb 8, (AP): South and North Korean delegations talked for two hours today without reaching agreement on terms for the first meeting of their prime ministers.

But the delegations agreed to meet again March 2 for a second round of talks aimed at preparing for the proposed meeting between North Korean Prime Minister Yon Hyung Muk and his South Korean counterpart, Kang Young-Hoon.

Such a meeting would be the first between the two Koreas' prime ministers since the division of their land 44 years ago and the talks would be the highest-level discussions between the two nations.

Exercises Korea was divided into the capitalist South and communist North in 1945.

Meanwhile, North Korea's official Pyongyang radio said the North will not attend preliminary parliamentary talks, originally scheduled for Friday, until this year's US-South Korea joint military exercises are over.

Friday's scheduled talks were part of a series aimed at arrang-

ing full-scale North-South parliamentary talks on such issues as a non-aggression pact.

The radio, monitored in Tokyo, quoted an unnamed North Korean spokesman as saying the North had wanted the question of stopping the exercises put on the talks' agenda, but holding the talks as scheduled now would be difficult because the exercises already had begun.

During today's meeting at the truce village of Panmunjom, the five-member delegations from each side exchanged testy statements over North Korea's demand for a halt to the "Team Spirit" military exercises that Pyongyang claims are "an obstacle to dialogue."

"The South Korean side did not show sincerity at today's meeting. We hope they will come to the next meeting with a sure answer," North Korea's chief delegate, Paik Nam Jun, told reporters after the meeting.

South Korea's senior delegate, Song Han-Ho, also accused North Korea of being insincere, saying, "their demand for a halt to the exercises seems to be a precondition to dialogue."

## Sinhalese rob bank of \$75,000

COLOMBO, Feb 8, (UPI): Sinhalese radicals today stole more than \$75,000 in cash and jewellery in a daring daylight robbery of a Colombo bank, said police, who also reported at least 34 new deaths in violence by rebels of the leftist Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna.

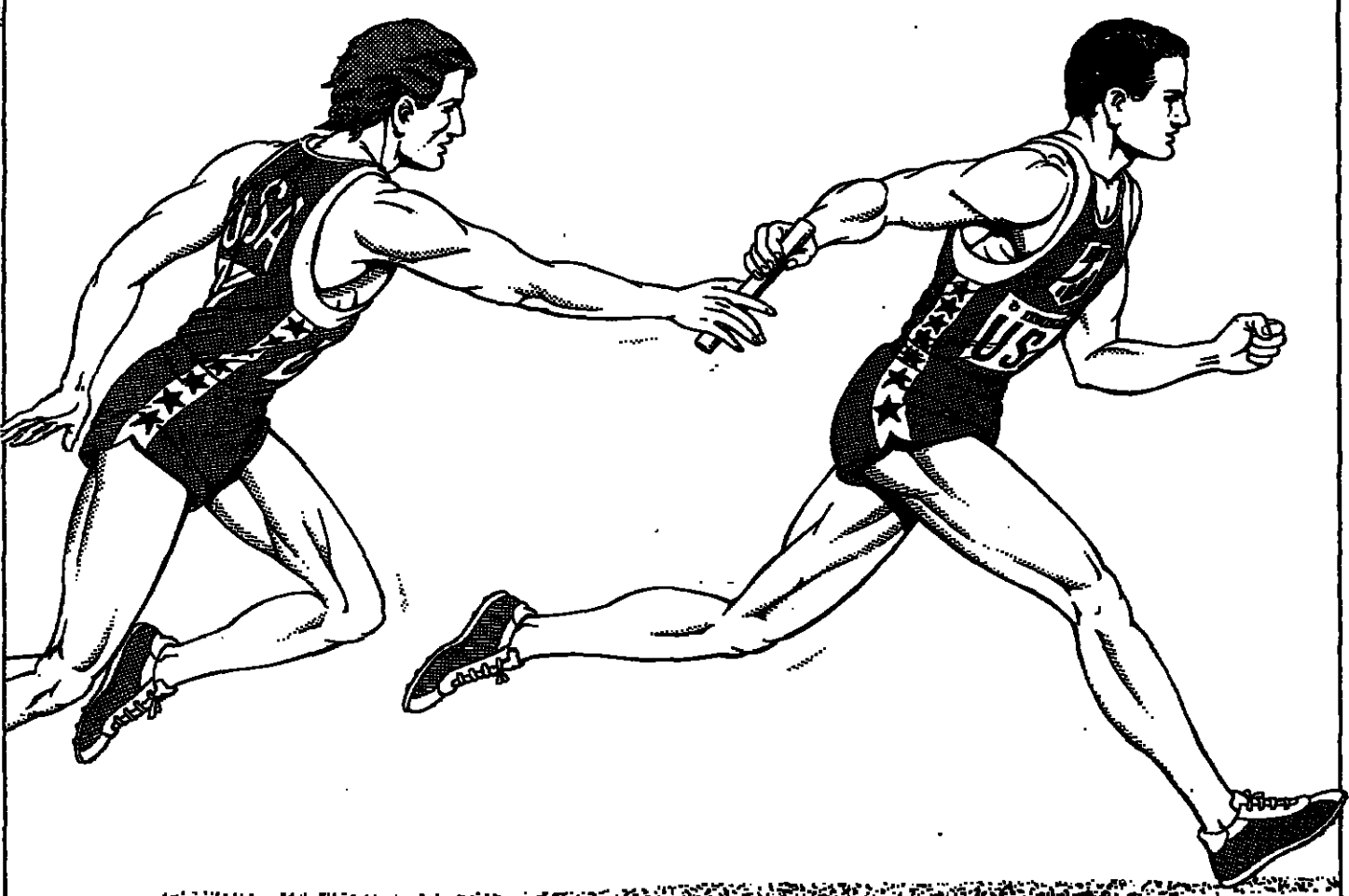
Police said three youths posing as customers entered a branch of the state-owned People's Bank located barely 200 yards from the police station in Wellawatte, a densely populated southern suburb of the Sri Lankan capital.

The youths pulled out concealed shotguns and gagged three security guards. They were then joined by five accomplices armed with submachine guns and knives, police said.

The robbers plundered the bank's vault, escaping with 2.5 million rupees (about \$75,000) in cash and jewellery, they said.

"They virtually cleaned the bank out," said one bank official. "After loading the cash and jewellery into a white van, they disappeared."

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Sheikha Latifa (second from right) admiring exhibits.

## Sheikha Latifa opens Kuwaiti Women's Day

By Lima Al Khalefawi

KUWAITI Women's Day opened yesterday under the patronage of Sheikha Latifa Al Fayed Al Sabah.

Sheikha Latifa called upon women to stick to Islamic teachings and stressed that Islam treats both women and men equally.

She praised Kuwait women's role in developing this country in different fields motivated by the teachings of Islam.

President of the Palestinian Union Seham Dabakh praised the role of Kuwaiti women in supporting the Palestinian women morally and financially in the occupied lands against Israel's suppressive policy.

She added that Kuwaiti women have a positive and vital role in development of the society by working in various fields such as medicine, education and other important fields.

During the opening, girl students from different schools participated in traditional folk-dances wearing traditional Kuwaiti dresses and singing national songs. A young student recited poetry about old and new Kuwait and praised efforts of the Amir and the Crown Prince in developing the country.

Life style Sheikha Latifa toured the exhibition which was set up at the club and was briefed on activities of school students and about their participation in the exhibition.

The exhibition reflected the old society life style, old Kuwait, sadu houses, tools used in the past by Kuwaiti women in making clothes and the old Kuwaiti kitchen. Different social societies and women unions participated in this exhibition by displaying various items of their products.

## Striking Indian workers want to go home

KUWAIT, Feb 8, (Reuters): Nine hundred striking Indian workers lured to the Gulf by visions of wealth are living off charity in Kuwait, hoping now for plane tickets home.

"We haven't received a single penny in months," said project engineer S.S. Phul, a native of Punjab, standing outside a row of tin shacks where workers say rats infest the kitchens and the water taps sometimes run dry.

We are facing too much difficulty. They should pay us our dues and give us an air ticket," he said.

Phul and his workmates have been on strike for three weeks over non-payment of wages. They are victims of a contractors' dispute increasingly common in the intensely competitive Gulf construction sector where business has plummeted since world oil prices began to fall in the early 1980s.

## Soviets to build \$700 million power station in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Feb 8, (Reuters): Soviet and Iraqi ministers laid the foundation stone yesterday for a \$700 million power station south of Baghdad, the Iraqi News Agency INA said.

The 1,680-megawatt thermo station, to be Iraq's biggest, will be built by the Soviet firm Technoexport and will be fully operational by the mid-1990s.

Iraq's Industry and Military Industrialisation Minister Hussein Kamel Hassan and Soviet Oil Industry Minister Vasily Dinkov laid the foundation

stone in the Yousifiya area 40 km (25 miles) south of Baghdad. INA said Dinkov and Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi earlier reviewed the situation in the world oil market and recent contacts between OPEC and non-OPEC countries.

It quoted Dinkov as saying his country, the world's biggest oil producer, was ready to co-operate with the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) members to maintain what he called the official level of oil prices.

## Prince Charles to visit UAE, Saudi Arabia in March

ABU DHABI, Feb 8, (KUNA): Heir to the British throne, Prince Charles will pay an official four-day visit to the United Arab Emirates next March 14, it was officially announced here today.

The visit comes at the invitation of Deputy Supreme Commander of UAE Armed Forces and Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed, the announcement added.

Charles will also make a private visit to Saudi Arabia on March 17 at the invitation of Crown Prince Abdullah, a Saudi royal statement said.

The statement did not say if Princess Diana would accompany her husband. The royal couple last visited the kingdom in November 1986.

## Zakat House activities in 1988

THE External Distribution Department at the Zakat House spent approximately KD2.6 million on projects and activities in Arab and Islamic countries during 1988, according to Abdullah Al Haidar, acting director of the department.

He said that this showed an increase of one million dinars, spent on similar projects in 1987.

He added that charitable projects of the house aim at strengthening social relations among Muslims around the world.

Haidar pointed out that the department received several international delegations of Islamic organisations and authorities during 1988.

## Salem meets with Egyptian police academy delegation

KUWAIT, Feb 8, (KUNA): Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah met at his office today with a delegation from the Egyptian Police Academy and discussed promotion of existing co-operation and exchange of experiences in police sciences.

The Egyptian delegation comprised the academy's principal Major-General Farouq Mohamed Al Qasas and Director-General of Post-Graduate In-

## Several hundred houses to be distributed on National Day

## Subiya City study complete: Roudhan

By Nashat Al Agha

THE study for the construction of Subiya City to accommodate 350,000 people with its separate economic infrastructure has been completed, according to Nasser Abdullah Al Roudhan, the State Minister for Housing Affairs.

As the location is far away from Kuwait City, the government study has incorporated all amenities that might be required by inhabitants of the city, the minister said. He added that the distribution of houses to Kuwaitis will be based on the same system applicable to other government housing projects.

The National Housing Authority (NHA) will distribute several hundred houses to

citizens on the occasion of National Day, the official said.

He added that the NHA will participate in the Engineering and Construction Services Exhibition to be held Feb 20-23. A TV programme on housing in Kuwait and other related activities will be broadcast.

### Proposals

Roudhan said that the NHA succeeded in cutting down the waiting period for government housing. During the current five-year-plan of the NHA, which is in its last year, 25,000 housing units were made available, the majority of which were given to citizens. The waiting period has been reduced from 10 to 6 years and in some remote areas to only one year.

The official said that authorities are currently studying proposals on the multi-storey system to see if it is acceptable to Kuwaitis accustomed to living in houses.

Among the proposals is one to limit the buildings to three or four storeys and provide each apartment with separate entrances. Shortage of good land is a stumbling block, the official said.

He added that 150 apartments of Al Sawabir housing project, the first of its kind built on a multi-storey basis have been allocated to citizens. He added that other apartments will be allocated in the future. There are 572 apartments in the project located in the heart of Kuwait City.

The next five-year housing



Nasser Abdullah Al Roudhan plan 1990-1995 will include the construction of 27,000 housing units at a cost of KD1.6 billion, Roudhan said.

## Ports complex expected to be completed in September

By Sami Al Hamed

THE Ports Complex Project located at Shuwaikha area is considered to be one of the largest vital projects in Kuwait. It is to be built at a total cost of KD8,200,000, according to an official source.

Construction began on Nov 16, 1986 and is to be completed Sept 1989.

The complex is being established to cover current utilities shortages at the authority's administration, according to Nouri Al Saad, the director of planning and research at the authority.

The official said that administrative utilities are currently spread at different port locations and Shuwaikha area making it difficult and costly to run administrative activities. The current set-up lacks speed of communications causing some delays for merchants, agents and the public. The new complex is expected to overcome these problems.

The current port lacks car parking space for the numerous representatives of companies who call at the authority and also affects security. One of the important elements of the new ports complex is to provide a multi-storey car park.

Saad pointed out that the new ports complex is designed to form a new stage of advanced operations without adversely affecting traffic activities and essential services. The design also forms a link between departments internally and externally.

### Climatic conditions

The complex is 46 metres high, built on a 27,000 square metre area. Administration offices and other departments have a 30,000 square metre area. The complex building will include other government offices of direct relation with port activities like the General Customs Department, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Communications and others.

The new ports complex design has taken into consideration

Kuwait's harsh climatic conditions and is equipped with electrical and mechanical appliances that can bear temperatures up to 55°C. The building is also provided with a shelter for all employees in case of emergencies.

In addition to department offices, the complex includes the authority Diwan and a marine activities museum which encompasses marine transportation, ports, marine agencies offices, insurance companies, organisations representatives, land and sea transport companies and sea unions.

The complex is also provided with a post office for employees, some branches of banks, canteens, a cafeteria, and some commercial shops to cover essential needs of those coming from aboard ships. It also includes halls for lectures or symposiums, and a comprehensive marine library. The library is open to every researcher and reader interested in the field of marine science and navigation, the official concluded.

## Kuwait may join anti-narcotics sub-committee

VIENNA, Feb 8, (KUNA): The Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry's legal adviser Jassem Al Mubarak said here today that Kuwait is considering joining the sub-committee on illegal trafficking in narcotics for the Near and Middle East.

The sub-committee emanates from the international committee for combating narcotics which is an affiliate of the UN Economic and Social Council.

### Fight

Mubarak, who heads Kuwait's delegation to the 33rd session of the international committee currently under way here said the sub-committee could form an important framework for more co-operation and coordination among the states of the region in fighting narcotics.

He told KUNA that Kuwait is considering joining the sub-committee emanating from its keenness to work with all means to fight illegal trafficking in drugs.

## Judicial delegation in Cairo

CAIRO, Feb 8, (KUNA): A Kuwaiti judicial delegation arrived here last night to attend the four-month training programme that will be held at the National Judicial Studies Centre.

The Kuwaiti delegation groups 16 public prosecutors and is headed by Ahmed Rashid Al Salem.

Secretary-General of the Judicial Centre, Hussein Mostafa Amin said the Kuwaiti delegation's visit comes within the framework of the Judicial Co-operation Agreement signed last year between the two countries.

## Health minister endorses human organ transplant decision

A MINISTERIAL decision approving transplants of human organs has been endorsed by the Minister of Public Health Dr Abdul Razzak Al Abdul Razzak.

The decision has established a legal procedure for using organs of a deceased person. Such organs are to be used only where the deceased has written a will consenting to donate his organs after death.

The legal procedure has also been laid down for situations involving undonated parts. In such cases, the family's consent is essential. Such consent should be issued in the form of a written letter signed by two witnesses.

The decision also states that the use of one or more parts of a dead person must be approved by a panel of three specialised doctors. A final approval is to be obtained from the minister himself.

The minister also issued another decision establishing a special registration system for donated human parts. The system covers all personal details of the donors, including address,

nationality, age, health history, and certified copies of the donor's will.

The decision also provides for the establishment of another registration system to cover the transplanted organs taken with the consent of the deceased's close relatives. Copies of the relatives' attested letters of approval will also be maintained.

The minister issued a third decision stressing that donated organs must not be obtained in return for money.

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## Deedat calls upon Muslims to battle Jews intellectually

By Mahmoud Morsi

ISLAMIC scholar Ahmed Deedat called upon Muslims to open another battlefield against the Jews. The new front should be an intellectual one.

At a press conference yesterday, Deedat said that side by side with the Palestinian uprising by stones, we should speak to the world and clear the misconceptions about the Palestinian issue.

He added that Jews and Zionists succeeded in making the Christian world understand that it was God who gave Palestine to the Jews and accordingly what is happening is God's will.

He called upon Muslims to utilise all their resources and capabilities to fight anti-Muslim propaganda and attempts at converting Muslims around the world.

He called for distributing translated copies and interpretations in many languages of the Holy

Quran. He said that Christian missionaries print and distribute freely, millions of copies of the Bible in several languages including Arabic.

On Monday, the Muslim scholar and advocate said that the message of Islam is universal and not meant for Arabs only. Therefore, Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) sent his companions with the message of Islam to five kings to spread Islam in their kingdoms.

Responsibility Addressing a gathering of women of the Islamic Care Society, Deedat stressed that it is the duty of each and every Muslim to publicise the beauty and value of Islam in every aspect of their life and thereby set a good example for others to follow.

He added that all Muslims must help spread Islam in the world, and warned that failure to do just that will entail the wrath of Allah.

Explaining, he said that Allah had at first chosen to assign the children of Israel to bear the responsibility of spreading Allah's religion. When they failed, he chose to assign a different people to this mission.

Deedat emphasised the role played by parents to enlighten their children and raise them according to the teachings of Allah. His messenger and fellow human beings in their minds, teaching them how to perform their religious duties and set a good example to others of different religions. He urged women to help and encourage their husbands to spread the message of Islam. He stressed that Muslim women have a vital role to play in the battle against enemies of Islam.

Deedat will be delivering another speech on Islam and Christianity on Friday 10th Feb 1989 at 6.00 pm at the Teachers' Union Hall, Dasmu.

## National Day illuminations good for electrical business

NATIONAL Day celebrations have marked a good season for owners of electrical and decoration accessories companies, according to Saleh Barakat, one of the owners said.

He said his company offered over 20,000 bulbs for the occasion, all of which were sold from the beginning of the month. The company also offered other decorative accessories such as wires and holders.

Barakat added that prices were increased by an average of 20 per cent, due to an increase in demand by individuals, companies and ministries and short supply of bulbs. Bulb prices increased from 80 fils to 110 fils each.

The national company which manufactures wires and holders cannot cover market demands and is currently selling at

increased prices. The price of a dozen holders shot up from 370 fils to 500 fils, he said.

### Temporary

Barakat pointed out that the increase is temporary and prices will decrease by the end of the month.

Mohammed Yousef, director of Faiba Co-operative Society, speaking on the same subject, said that the society began preparations for the celebrations very early by buying large quantities of bulbs, wires, holders, flags and gifts to sell during the celebration period. It offered more than 6,000 bulbs on its shelves and did not increase prices.

He added that the society decorates the district's government buildings, such as the police station, health centre and roads, free of charge.

## Sheikh Jaber receives Bazzaz

KUWAIT, Feb 8, (KUNA): Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah received at his office yesterday director-general of the Iraqi Radio and Television Department Saad Al Bazzaz who conveyed a message from Iraqi Culture and Information Minister Latif Nassif Jassam.

Sheikh Jaber also received Islamic scholar Ahmed Deedat in the presence of the chairman of the International Islamic Charitable Organization Yousef Jassam Haji.

The information minister and acting minister for social affairs and labour later received board chairman of the Kuwait Karate Association Sheikh Mishaal Al Jarah and board members.

Sheikh Jaber also received a delegation from the Kuwaiti Association of Fruit and Vegetables Merchants.

## Bahrain Medical Bulletin enhances medical advancement and knowledge

DURING the last decade Bahrain has made significant progress in medical writing and research, thanks to a medical journal which has become a vital source highlighting studies and invaluable materials on prevalent diseases and all branches of medicine in Bahrain in particular and the Gulf in general.

Bahrain Medical Bulletin (BMB) was launched in 1979 by a group of young Bahraini doctors to promote and highlight important works related to medical research in the country. The quarterly medical journal has become a milestone in enhancing medical advancement and knowledge particularly of existing diseases in the region.

Dr Joffir Mohammed Al Bareeq, editor-in-chief of BMB, told Arab Times in an interview about the role of the journal in improving medical knowledge in the country by encouraging and publishing articles by doctors in the area.

"The idea to introduce the journal was formed considering the lack of any such publication in the country. This was necessitated because Bahrain needed considerable medical research. It became imperative to provide a means to conduct basic research on medical aspects specifically related to the region," said Dr Bareeq.

### Analysis

He further added that a particular disease like diabetes for example, has a wide range of features that require in-depth analysis and study. He stressed that Bahraini doctors should be given the opportunity of conducting research on diseases afflicted by the population in the country, without resorting to overseas medical journals.

"We must not rely on outside help to tell us about the medical problems we face. We must make the effort to do our own research to improve our medical knowledge and consequently the quality of our people's life," said Dr Bareeq.

According to Dr Bareeq the BMB is a foundation for highlighting 'big findings' in medical research in the country related to the residents here. He described the journal as unique for establishing a very high standard among medical journals in the region.

BMB, according to its founder editor-in-chief, is a medical journal of international standards and is recognised by WHO. It follows the Vancouver style of writing, which is the internationally accepted style set for bio-medical journals written in English throughout the world.

### Rules

Dr Bareeq added that BMB follows a strict pattern of rules and regulations before accepting an article for publication. A wide range of aspects are considered for publishing an article which includes overall design, description of condition of patients, presentation, methods, relevance, interpretation and conclusions. References must be up-to-date and relevant as well to the subject concerned.

BMB works in close collaboration and co-operation with the British Medical Journal (BMJ) and follows the same editorial as well as ethical criteria as BMJ and other medical journals in Britain. The journal has organised two major medical conferences in the island in conjunction with BMJ.

Senior editors of BMB comprise of leading faculty members of Arabian Gulf University and consultants of the Salmaniya Medical Centre.

## Saudis seek Egypt's Arab League return

NICOSIA, Feb 8, (Reuters): King Fahd of Saudi Arabia is campaigning actively for Egypt's readmission to the Arab League, a Saudi official said today.

The official, quoted by the official Saudi Press Agency, said Saudi Arabia was the only state at an Arab League summit in Algiers in June 1987 to ask for Egypt's return.

"King Fahd announced his request at the summit. (He) has exerted and will continue to exert efforts to achieve his request," the official said.

He denied a report in the leftist

Lebanese newspaper As-Safir of tension between Cairo and Riyadh, saying it was completely untrue.

Egypt was suspended from the Arab League after its 1979 peace treaty with Israel. All Arab states except Syria, Libya and Lebanon have since restored ties with Cairo.

The next Arab League summit is due to be held in Saudi Arabia. Diplomats say Riyadh is trying to reach a consensus on outstanding issues, including Egypt's readmission, before setting a date.

## Bilateral relations with Moscow important, say Kuwaiti graduates

MOSCOW, Feb 8, (KUNA): A group of Kuwaiti graduates have agreed in a televised interview on the importance of expanding bilateral relations between Kuwait and the Soviet Union on the basis of mutual interest.

The graduates, who were studying in Soviet universities, said in a dialogue on the TV programme "The World Today" that they welcomed the reform and reconstruction policy known as "perestroika" currently undertaken by the Soviet leadership.

One of the graduates stated that perestroika was facing numerous difficulties and cited the need for patience to get its set

objectives achieved.

Another graduate, a Kuwaiti engineer, affirmed the significance of a planned visit to Kuwait on Feb 18, by Soviet Oil Industry Minister Vasily Dinkov. He said the visit would enhance bilateral co-operation between Kuwait and the Soviet Union in the petroleum sphere, particularly since both countries possess extensive economic potential.

The TV programme's commentator Fareed Safi concluded the dialogue by referring to what he believed "almost identical viewpoints in Kuwait and Soviet foreign policies on many issues such as disarmament and international peace and stability."

## Police arrest drug pedlar

KUWAIT, Feb 8, (KUNA): Policemen today arrested a Kuwaiti national, Khalid, who was sentenced to ten years imprisonment on charges of drug trafficking.

Interior Ministry sources said today that the man's house in Maideen Hawalli was stormed by a special police force that was able to arrest him and seize two pistols and 46 bullets in his possession.

The force further confiscated 46 packs of hashish and arrested another Kuwaiti, Abdullah, who was in Khalid's house at the time of the storming.

## Charity bazaar

KUWAIT Handicapped Society's 11th charity bazaar will open on Saturday, under the patronage of Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah, minister of information and acting minister of social affairs and labour.

## Computer system seminar opened

THE Assistant Undersecretary for Computer and Microfilm Affairs Sulaiman Al Zayed opened yesterday at the ministry's premises a seminar on the private sector work-force computer system.

The seminar which was organised by the National Centre for Computers and Microfilm in co-ordination with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour was attended by Planning Undersecretary Dr Abdulhadi Al Awadi, Undersecretary at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour Issa Yaseen and a number of senior officials from the two ministries.

In his opening speech Zayed said that the computer system at the private sector has been developed to match latest technology. He confirmed that the National Centre for Computers and Microfilm was keen to upgrade the computer potential in the private sector and the state's institutions.



WHAT'S ON

ARTS

**Ghedir Gallery**  
Until Feb. 9: "The Orient in their Eyes", a collection of works by a group of Arab and European painters will be shown at the gallery. Open daily from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm.

**Iwan Gallery**  
Exhibition of lithographs by three 19th century Orientalists. Open from 9 am to 1 pm, 3 to 9 pm, at the gallery located in Zahra Complex, Salmiya.

**Kuwait Society for Formative Arts**  
Until Feb. 9: The Kuwait Society for Formative Arts will hold the annual general exhibition, displaying art works by Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti plastic artists.

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT - THURS: 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
SAT - THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; FRIDAYS: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

**Sadu House**  
SAT - THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

EXHIBITIONS

**Children's Books of the Year '88**  
UNTIL Feb 16: An exhibition of British books for children, written by award winning writers and illustrators, will be held at the British Council, Mansouriyah.

The programme is as follows: Films: Feb 8/15 (6 pm): The Amazing Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (cartoons). Storytelling session: A professional story-teller will conduct the sessions. Feb 9/16 (9.30 - 10.30 am): a session for children - aged seven to 10; (11-12 noon) stories for children - aged three to six.

All are welcome. Free admission. But it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204; 2533227.

CINEMA

**French Film Festival**  
THE Kuwait Cine Club and the French Cultural Centre will hold the French film festival at the Chambers of Commerce auditorium. The programme is as follows:  
Feb 11: Family Business (1986), directed by Costas Favras; 110 minutes.  
Feb 12: Around Midnight (1986), directed by Bertrand Tavernier; 113 minutes.  
Feb 13: Subway (1986) directed by Luc Besson; 104 minutes.  
Feb 14: The Murdered House (1988), Georges Lautner; 110 minutes.  
Feb 15: The 4 Adventures of Reinette and Mirabelle; directed by Eric Rohmer; 95 minutes.

BBC World Services

- 0600 Newsdesk
- 30 King Street Junior (ex 2nd Two Cheers)
- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 25 Financial News
- 30 Waveguide
- 40 Book Choice
- 45 Society Today
- 0200 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 Network UK
- 30 Assignment
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 2nd and 9th Novel Ideas; 16th and 23rd My Music
- 0400 Newsdesk
- 30 Society Today
- 45 Andy Kershaw's World of Music
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Financial News
- 40 Words of Faith
- 45 The World Today
- 0600 Newsdesk
- 30 They Made Our World
- 40 The Farming World
- 0700 World News
- 09 The World Today
- 15 Music Now
- 30 Meridian
- 0800 Newsdesk
- 30 Write On...
- 45 Network UK
- 0900 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
- 45 Society Today
- 1000 News Summary followed by Assignment
- 30 King Street Junior (ex 2nd Two Cheers)
- 1100 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 New Ideas

SOCIAL

**Bangladesh Association**  
FEB 10, 4 pm: The association will hold drawing, storytelling and recitation competitions to mark the Martyr's Day (Shaheed Day). The programme will be held this Friday instead of Feb 17. All competitors are requested to take part in the contests at the Bangladesh embassy, Jabriya. Feb 23: The association will hold a discussion followed by cultural programme at the embassy premises. All Bangladeshis are invited.

KAPILKU

FEB 10 (Friday, 2 pm - 6 pm): The Association of Filipinos in Kuwait, KAPILKU, will hold their first Bayanihan (get-together) at the Church Hall. Free admission and lots of prizes for winners of parlour games and raffle contest. Guest singers will entertain. All Filipinos are welcome. For details contact Sarah Macarimbang Tel: 484-3447.

FLASSIK

FEB 10: 6 pm: The Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait, FLASSIK, will hold the 1989 Valentines Ball at the Holiday Inn's Al Afrah Ballroom.

Kuwait Rondels

FEB 16: The Kuwait Rondels Grand Ball '89 will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel. For reservations contact: Tel: 5337597.

Goan Show

FEB 17 (3.30 pm, IAC): The Goan community will celebrate the Nehru Centenary by presenting three one-act plays. Bebe and Dodo, an English play by Gerry Rodrigues, and two Konkani plays Bad Luck (N.G.O.A.) and On Credit (Goan Cultural Society). A variety show will also be presented. For details call 264-4983; 562141.

Dance Recital

FEB 23: Well-known Indian



A scene from The 4 Adventures of Reinette and Mirabelle, one of the French films which will be shown during the festival.

dancer Dr Padma Subramanyam will give a Bharata Natya (dance-ballet) recital at the IAC. FEB 28: Dr Padma will give a solo recital called "Jayata Moksham," danced to Tchaikovsky's music.

Both performances will be held at the IAC. Funfair. For reservations contact the organisers.

**Gala Dinner**  
MARCH 9: The Great Ormond Street Hospital Gala Dinner will be held at 8 pm. For details call: 4831339; 5393151.

DETAILS

**At the SAS**  
BISTRETTO is the newest Italian restaurant in town, offering a selection of Italian cuisine in addition to international and local specialties.

The Peacock Room offers Chinese meals; and the Al Boom features a different speciality every alternate day in addition to charcoal grill specialties.

At the Movenpick

THE restaurant will feature fondue bourgeoise, seafood platter and Filet de veau Chateaufort for the St Valentines Day (Feb 14) celebration. Curry promotion will continue until Feb 23.

At Messilah Beach

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taurant: open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day; Mondays: Birthday Special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go".

**At the Holiday Inn**  
EVERY Wednesday is "Sea Drama on Ice" in Al Dana. Thursday night is Indian night featuring exotic Eastern cuisine, and listen to the music played by the Ghariban Trio. Enjoy Arabian Night in Al Andalus Supper Club on Thursday nights.

Friday brunch - fun time for families; games, prizes. Also open to Jaycee Club members.

At the Sheraton

RICCARDO'S: Italian cuisine prepared using home-made pasta; lunch and dinner, evening entertainment by the Sienna's Duo. Closed on Fridays.

Al Hambra: Sundays: Lebanese cuisine; Tuesday's is Thai Night; Wednesdays: seafood night; musicians provide a blend of music from the East and the West.

Friday's buffet brunch while the children enjoy games in the ballroom next door.

Hunt Room: lunch and dinner, specialises in meat and fish dishes.

Le Tarbouche: offers a taste of Lebanon for lunch and dinner.

Thursdays: Arab world

specialties night, coffee shop offers casual meals and quick lunches plus a daily special.

**At the Ramada**  
AL BENDAR coffee shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.

Thursday's is BBQ Night at Le Mirage Night Club with full buffet and entertainment by the Al Arz Band.

The Friday Family Brunch

introduces cartoon characters on the ship's discovery; train tour of the hotel's garden and waterfront.

The Marina Takeaway Counter features a selection of sandwiches and snacks, 4 to 11 pm.

At the Continental

GARDENIA: 7 am to midnight; buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch.

Darbar: daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday; a la carte dinner.

At the Kuwait Plaza

Filipino night held every Sunday from 7 to 9.30 pm.

Al Dallah coffee shop: buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner; also set menu; nini-business lunch. International Food Arcade: 4 to 10 pm; ice-cream festival; light snacks served from 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.

Bosphorus Restaurant

Turkish cuisine, a la carte; lunch and dinner daily except Saturday.

Marco Polo Restaurant

Italian food, live music and at night candlelight dinner.

SPORTS

Ahmadi Kart Racing

FEB 10: Kart racing starts at 1.30 pm at the Ahmadi KOC kart track. Gates open to spectators. All are welcome.

United Goans Centre

FEB 24: The United Goans Centre will hold their 13th annual league football tournament. The draw will be held on Feb 16. All KJFF-affiliated teams are requested to contact the organisers for registration.

Five-a-Side Football

FEB 17: The Weekend Club will hold their first annual five-a-side football tournament at Al Sour Grounds. The draw will be held on the same day. For entry forms contact M. Dias (Off.) 2460983.

Laser Club

FEB 10: Messilah Beach Laser Club's spring series continues this Friday, Feb. 10/17. Messilah Beach open meeting: four race events over two days. All Laser sailors wishing to participate in the above events please contact David Clark: 4845171/2425947; P. Shepherd - 4841513/5314957; P. Berry - 3924174.

Training and games every

Friday at the Ahmadi ground; training starts at 10 am and mini-Rugby finishes at 11.30 am. For details call Hugh McAree - 532-6368 or Geoff Bennett - 533-2683.

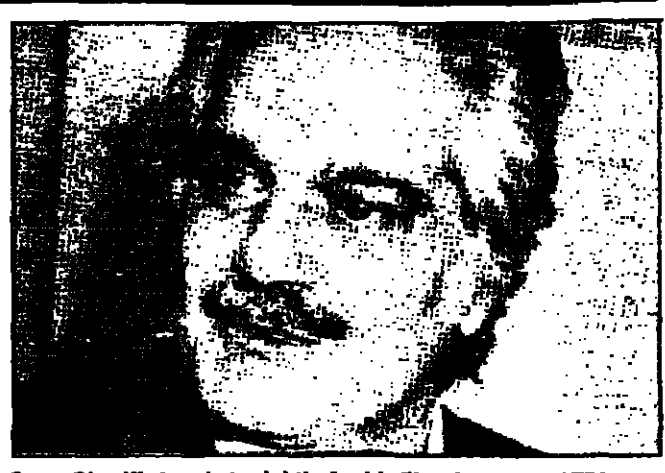
TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: Cartoon serial
- 9.45 Tum Tek and Children
- 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.30 Variety Show
- 11.00 The Golden Seal: English feature film
- 1.00 News
- 1.05 World today via satellite
- 1.40 Festival of Music: directed by Hassan Saraab
- 2.30 Sports in a Week: a weekly programme focussing on local and world sports.
- 4.45 Cartoons
- 5.15 Liqa Al Khamis: variety show
- 7.00 News Summary
- 7.05 From People's Art
- 7.30 Show Jumping: local equestrian events
- 8.30 Ma'a Al Islam: prepared and presented by Dr Khalid Al Madhkour
- 9.00 News
- 10.00 TV Window: prepared and presented by Abdul Rahman Najjar
- 11.00 Ayoub: Arabic film, starring Omar Shariff, Fuad Al Muhandis, Athar Al Hakim, Madiha Yusr, Mustafa Fahmi.
- 12.15 Akhtarna Lakum: "We Present..." variety show
- 1.15 News Summary
- 1.20 World today via Satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

FRIDAY

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Cartoons
- 9.45 Children's Magazine
- 10.15 Fayez Al Tush: Arabic serial, featuring Ghanem Slati, Abdul Aziz Jassim.
- 11.00 Ahadith Maudwa: religious programme
- 11.15 Friday Prayer
- 12.30 Alwan: prepared by Mohammad Saeed Al Faris.
- 1.00 News
- 1.05 World today via satellite



Omar Shariff stars in tonight's Arabic film, Ayoub, on KTV 2.

KTV 2

- 1.35 Istiraha: We and Our Friends
- 2.00 We and Our Friends
- 2.15 Hadith Deeni: religious talk
- 2.45 Cartoons
- 3.15 3 Rijal wa Imraa: Arabic feature film. Starring: Sabah, Kamal Shinnawi, Ahmad Faraj, Abdul Salam Al Nablusi.
- 6.00 Kuwait in a Week
- 7.00 News Summary
- 7.15 KTV1 Programmes Preview
- 7.45 Al Usrah: "The Family." Fatima Rashid and Futooah Al Dalali discuss the role of the family in Arab society.
- 8.45 Hadith Al Usbooh: weekly religious talk
- 9.00 News
- 10.00 Wrestling
- 10.45 Amsiya Al Jumaa: weekly local programme, prepared and presented by Mohammad Al Barges.
- 11.45 News Summary
- 11.50 World today via Satellite

FRIDAY

- 3.30 Holy Quran
- 3.40 The Sylvanian Family: new cartoon feature for children.
- 4.00 Italian Football
- 5.30 American Basketball
- 6.30 Star Trek: "When the Bough Breaks." Aliens seek the captain's help, asking him to "supply babies."
- 7.30 Face to Face
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Breaking Away
- 8.55 Big League Soccer: Brian Moore introduces this sports show on English League games.
- 9.40 Weekend: local programme on news and views about Kuwait.
- 10.00 The Charmings: "The Incredible Shrinking Prince." Lillian cooks "get-rich-quick" remedy with some disastrous results. Comedy.
- 10.30 The Aftermath: part 3 of a series about an investigation after a devastating plane crash.
- 11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



The Ghostbusters, tonight at 6.10 pm on KTV 2.

\* All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

PRAYERS

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|---------|----------|
| Fajr    | 5.11 am  |
| Zuhr    | 12.02 pm |
| Asr     | 3.10     |
| Maghreb | 5.33     |
| Isha    | 6.51     |

FRIDAY

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|---------------|----------|
| Fajr          | 5.10 am  |
| Friday Prayer | 12.02 pm |
| Asr           | 3.11     |
| Maghreb       | 5.34     |
| Isha          | 6.52     |

CINEMA TODAY

**Al Andalus**  
Youm Mir Youm Helu  
Starring: Faten Hamama, Mohammad Muneer  
Al Salmiya  
Al Zalzal (Arabic play)  
Al Hamra  
Shaitan Yaghna (Arabic)  
Starring: Mahmoud Yaseen, Basi  
Drive-in  
Bint Min Dahab (Arabic)  
Starring: Shireen, Ahmad Rateb, Mahmood Jundi  
Al Firdous  
Kaun Kitney Paani Mein (Hindi)  
Starring: Mahender Sandhu, Anuradha Patel  
Fahadhel Open-air  
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**Kuwait**  
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Safat Square  
Al Loola Pharmacy  
Ahmed Al Jaber St.  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Al Andalus Pharmacy  
Tunis St.  
Salmiya and Rumaythiya  
Al Markiziya Pharmacy  
Omar Bin Al Aas St.  
Fahadhel and Ahmadi  
Al Sadaf Pharmacy  
Makkah St. F'heel  
Jleeb Al Shiyonkh  
Palestine Pharmacy  
Main St.  
Jahra  
Al Khalid Pharmacy  
Opp. Co-op. Society

**FRIDAY**  
Kuwait  
Dubai Pharmacy  
Algers St. Souk Wager  
Al Shariya Pharmacy  
Hilali St.  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Al Najat Pharmacy  
Qitah 23, Hawalli  
Salmiya and Rumaythiya  
Dena Pharmacy  
Shua'a Al Sabah Bldg.  
Amman St.  
Fahadhel and Ahmadi  
Al Ahmadi Pharmacy  
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## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

LONELINESS and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty — Mother Teresa, Yugoslav-born Roman Catholic nun-missionary (1910—).

### Foreign troops quit but problems remain

By Patrick Worsnip

LONDON, (Reuters): The Russians are going, the Cubans are going, the Vietnamese are going. But in Afghanistan, Angola and Kampuchea, the countries these foreign troops are leaving, the problems linger on.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has decided that he does not wish, and cannot afford, to go on sponsoring wars fought by his own and his allies' armies in support of Third World protegee governments.

So he is quitting, and making Havana and Hanoi do likewise. But, short of some fancy diplomatic footwork, the departing troops could well leave behind them more or less what they found when they arrived: countries riven by factional fighting and deep-rooted ideological feuds.

The situation looks most hopeless in Afghanistan, which the last of more than 100,000 Soviet soldiers are due to quit by Feb 15 after a stay of nine years.

#### Fight

There, the stage appears set for a fight to the finish between the Moscow-backed government and a loose coalition of Islamic mujahideen guerrilla groups supported variously by Pakistan, Iran, Saudi Arabia, China and the West.

The ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) has insisted on its right to at least a share in the future government of the country.

But the unforgiving mujahideen leaders reject this and refuse to negotiate with the Kabul authorities. They have held talks with Soviet officials, but so far without result.

#### Withdrawal

Both the mujahideen coalition and the PDPA also have their own internal divisions, and these could well widen after the Russians leave, increasing the scope for more bloodshed.

In Angola, 50,000 Cuban troops that have been helping the left-wing government fight US and South African-backed UNITA guerrillas since independence in 1975 are due to leave in stages by mid-1991. The first 3,000 had left by Jan 15.

The withdrawal was laid down in an agreement signed in New York on Dec 22 by Angola, Cuba and South Africa. In return, South Africa will grant independence to neighbouring Namibia.

But UNITA (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) was not party to the agreement and there is no mechanism in place for stopping the Angolan civil war.

The Luanda government, confident it can defeat the guerrillas once they are deprived of South African military aid, has offered an amnesty, valid for the next year, to UNITA members who give themselves up.

But Western analysts say the Cuban pullout will seriously weaken the government's fighting ability and that UNITA will continue to receive US arms.

They also doubt that the amnesty will tempt UNITA, which has called for talks with the government on power-sharing — a demand rejected by Luanda.

Perhaps the best hope for a negotiated settlement lies in Kampuchea, where invading Vietnamese forces toppled the Khmer Rouge government in 1978 and installed the present People's Republic of Kampuchea (PRK) administration.

Of the 200,000 Vietnamese troops which originally entered Kampuchea, Hanoi says only 50,000 remain to fight a coalition of the Khmer Rouge and two non-communist guerrilla groups.

Vietnam has agreed in principle with China on a withdrawal by September of its remaining troops, to be accompanied by a phased end to Chinese military support for the guerrillas.

But there has been no agreement so far on what kind of international body would supervise the withdrawal or on how general elections will be held later.

The guerrillas have called for dissolution of the present Phnom Penh government, and a four-party transitional government to see the country through elections. They want an armed international peace-keeping force to monitor the process.

The PRK government refuses to be dismantled and rejects an armed peacekeeping force.

### Egypt longs for return of Arab League office

By Sara El Gammal

CAIRO, (Reuters): Ghosts occupy the leather armchairs that were once the seats of power in the Arab world.

The Persian carpets and faded velvet curtains of the Arab League's headquarters building in Cairo look the same as in 1978 when the 22 League members suspended Egypt and broke relations with Cairo in protest at its peace treaty with Israel.

After a decade of silence the ghosts might soon be rubbing shoulders with the real world. For many Egyptians, a return by Egypt to the League should mean a return of the headquarters to Cairo from Tunis, where the secretariat has been based since 1979. But there are differing views on when this is likely to take place.

"The old, rich furniture is still in the same place it was in 10 years ago," an Egyptian official said. "The only missing thing is the people who occupied it and met in it."

#### Employees

Though other Arab delegates left Cairo many Egyptian employees have remained at their desks.

About 300 Egyptians — down from 800 or more before 1979 — arrive each morning to keep Cairo's League records in order, write political reports and issue press bulletins.

The League's green flag with two olive branches and an unbroken chain flies alone, flanked by 22 bare flagpoles, outside the offices on the site of a former British Army barracks.

"This place was a symbol of British occupation. The barracks were torn down and the building went up... a symbol of freedom and Arab unity," another official said.

"It is all in working order... all we need now is an Arab summit," he added.

During the past 18 months most Arab states have resumed relations with Egypt. Only Syria,

Libya and Lebanon have remained outside the Arab rapprochement with Cairo. Even Israel has said it would welcome Egypt's return to the League.

Israeli Ambassador Shimon Shamir said: "The Arab boycott of Egypt in 1979 was a boycott of peace."

"So the return of Arab ambassadors to Cairo and improvement of relations while the Israeli embassy is here is, in an indirect way, an acceptance by the Arab world of the strategy of peace in Egypt."

"Israel can only welcome this... but we hope this will not be at the expense of peace or relations with Israel."

"Now it is only a matter of time for Egypt to get back into the League," said a Western diplomat. "I'd say sooner than later."

It would take an Arab summit, which many League members want Saudi Arabia to host this year, to reverse Egypt's suspension.

Though readmission would reopen the question whether the League headquarters should move back to Cairo, some Arab diplomats see it as a distant issue.

**Suspension**  
"Egypt's continued suspension is a crisis. Let us get Egypt back into the League first to resolve this crisis and then deal with the headquarters later," one said.

The diplomats said Tunisia would probably not object to a move provided the decision was unanimous.

Egypt has remained silent on the issue but some Egyptians want the government to insist on the League setting up shop again in Cairo.

### Image of the Jewish state changing

## Israeli policy not only unjust but stupid

LONDON: In July 1986 Israel's Defence Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, gave a lecture in occupied Jerusalem about his country's relations with America. The core of their friendship, he said, was not an understanding between the two governments but the belief of their two peoples in freedom, democracy and peace. "Shared values between two peoples," he said, "are the strongest and most solid basis for co-operation in this troubled world."

Maybe (and maybe not). But are the values in fact shared? And do both peoples think so? Israel's image is changing. In 1986 Rabin was known to Americans mainly as the former general who led Israel to victory in the Six-Day War of 1967. Today he is more famous for his promise to stop the intifada, the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, by "force, might and beatings." Many Americans think this policy not only unjust but stupid.

The intifada has not yet caused vast, still less irreparable, damage to Israel's standing in America. Last May, with the uprising already six months old, a poll for the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith found that 44 per cent of Americans had more sympathy for Israel than the Arab nations, and that only 13 per cent more sympathised more with the Arabs.

But even for the American who knows no more than he sees on television, the uprising raises questions about those shared values. Freedom? Democracy? In Israel, yes. But now, visibly, is the point — not for 1.5 million Palestinians who have lived voteless under military rule since Israel marched into their territories 21 years ago. Peace? So far, vain attempts to suppress the intifada have cost over 350 Palestinian lives.

#### Tears

Like his opponent, George Bush wasted no crocodile tears on the Palestinians during the presidential campaign: America has a mighty pro-Israel lobby, a puny Arab one. How will he act now? President Bush has a budget deficit to see to, and fateful decisions to make on strategic arms control. He does not believe, as President Carter did, that America has a special mission to bring peace to the Middle East. Nor can he relish starting his first term by trying. A new peace initiative would court trouble with Israel's powerful friends in Congress just when he needs Congress' help to cut the budget.

Yet he has not much choice. For most of Israel's life, most Americans have taken it as read that it was the Arabs, not Israel, who blocked peace. Granted, as Arab states did not — Israel's right to exist, that judgement was largely true. Egypt, after all, achieved peace with Israel and the return of Sinai simply by offering peace in return. Not till 1982 did some other Arab countries hint that they might accept Israel, albeit behind its pre-1967 borders. But none dared make peace without the consent of Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organisation; and that was not available.

For 20 years American administrations had refused to talk formally to the PLO, viewed as a bunch of terrorists. Then, last Dec 14, Arafat (in Geneva, because he had been denied an American visa to address the United Nations in New York) declared that he recognised Israel's right to exist, renounced terrorism and accepted the UN's Resolution 242, which calls for peace based on territorial compromise. Within hours the United States had promised to begin "a substantive dialogue" with the PLO. It started in Tunis, through the American ambassador there, two days later.

Peace  
Bush cannot ignore such a change. For years the PLO made it blood-curdingly plain that it wanted to destroy Israel. Now it promises peace in return for a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza. That sounds reasonable to many Americans, though not to Israel's new coalition government. Its Labour and Likud halves both refuse to talk to the PLO. Who, the Arabs and their friends ask, is blocking peace now?

Even before his inauguration Bush was being pressed to make Israel change its mind, not only by Arab governments but European ones, who see in Arafat's claimed conversion a rare opportunity for peace. Margaret Thatcher, no enemy of Israel or lover of terrorism, has joined the general nagging, sending foreign-affairs ministers on vociferous tours of the Middle East. She is asking Bush to deliver Israel to an international peace conference and then to escort it out of occupied territories.

Will he oblige? He may at least listen harder than his predecessor. Reagan brought to the White House a conviction that Israel should join the crusade against communism. He called Israel "a major strategic asset," a view, shared by his first secretary of state, Alexander Haig, that helped tip it disastrously into Lebanon in 1982. George Shultz, who got Haig's job during that war, also became a loyal pro-Israeli. It was left to Caspar Weinberger, the defence secretary, to argue that American interests lay in cultivating friendly Arab states. Most often he was overruled.

#### Guarantee

The new White House has a different outlook. Bush is unlikely to be as enthusiastic as Reagan about Israel's role as a strategic ally. As a candidate he made the usual promises to guarantee Israel's security. But he was noticeably more willing than his former boss to blame Israel for the Iran-Contra mess. Neither he nor his Secretary of State, James Baker, has strong feelings about Israel. His chief of staff, John Sununu, is an Arab-American who has referred to the pro-Israel lobby as "the opposition." His Defence Secretary, John Tower, as a senator supported arms sales to Arabs. The world too is different. In 1981 the United States was looking for regional helpers against communism. Today it is blowing kisses with Gorbachev, while his troops wave goodbye to Afghanistan.

The intifada may make yesterday's helper tomorrow's embarrassment. Yet Israel is still far from becoming embarrassing enough to prompt the sort of crime," would be given a short sharp shock if the party came to power, with street policing hugely increased.

Autonomous regional governments, introduced since Franco and important to areas like the Basque country and Catalonia with strong national identities, would be reined in, as would official encouragement of the Basque and Catalan languages.

#### Break

"This business of language has all been political, part of people's aim of breaking up Spain. If people wanted to speak some other language at home that would be fine, but the official language of Spain is Spanish," said Gonzalez.

Immigrants from Third World countries would be told to leave. "They were okay in the 1960s when there was enough work to go round, but now we have unemployment, there is no room for them. They would have to be sent home," Gonzalez said.

Divorce, a post-Franco innovation which accompanied the division of the Catholic church and the state, would stay. But abortion, also legalised since 1975, would be banned.

The main economic policy would be to lower taxes, making up for lost revenue, Gonzalez said, by spending public funds more efficiently, and to reinstate the official trade unions which kept workers in check under Franco.



George Bush



Yasser Arafat

action Arafat seeks — decisive, brutal American pressure on Israel to evacuate the occupied territories. President Eisenhower used pressure of that sort to force the Israelis out of Sinai after the Suez fiasco of 1956. But American-Israeli relations were different then. The United States kept its distance during Israel's first 20 years. It has spent the next 20 moving steadily closer.

#### Recognise

America was the first country to recognise Israel in 1948. But recognition did not mean intimacy. Truman and Eisenhower kept the new state at arms length. The Americans did not sell weapons to Israel until the mid-1960s. Richard Nixon was the first American president to set foot there. The Sixth Fleet waited until 1978 before making its first port call. President Carter took care to avoid calling Israel "ally." Even now it has no formal alliance with the United States (though it has been designated "a major non-NATO ally" for specific purposes, such as arms sales).

The big change nonetheless dates from 1967, Israel's triumph in the Six Day War made a vivid impression at a time when Vietnam was sapping America's confidence in its own ability to fight. The six million Jewish Americans were elated and proud. Before 1967 Zionism had been something of a minority interest. Afterwards, helping Israel became the organising principle of American Jewish life; a secular religion, some orthodox Jews complain. American Jews began to pour money into Israel.

So did the American government: to the tune by now of some \$3 billion a year. The aid began as a way of preventing Israel's economy from sinking under the weight of its defence burden. Successive wars fed the arms race. Nowadays more than half the money Israel gets from America is earmarked for defence. Even Carter's Camp David peacemaking cost American taxpayers a tiny sum. To coax Israel out of the Sinai peninsula after Camp David, the Americans built it new air bases in the Negev desert and promised to safeguard its military edge over the Arabs. They also underwrote the peace with Egypt by dishing out \$2 billion a year to that country as well.

Under Reagan, relations with Israel became closer still. Previous presidents had regarded aid as charity for a sorely pressed friend. President Reagan portrayed it as investment in a useful ally. This ran against the grain of earlier American thinking. In 1948, when Truman

recognised Israel, his defence secretary, James Forrestal, complained that America's relations with the Arab world, and therefore access to oil, would suffer. Weinberger and the joint chiefs of staff voiced similar objections when President Reagan began to talk of Israel as a strategic partner.

#### Partnership

The partnership had an auspicious start. The two countries signed a memorandum on strategic co-operation in Nov 1981. Almost at once Menachem Begin, then Israel's prime minister, outraged the Americans by extending Israeli law to Syria's Golan Heights without telling Washington in advance. To the undisguised relief of the Defence Department, Reagan suspended the agreement. Begin reacted fiercely. "Are we a vassal state?" he demanded. "Are we a banana republic? Are we 14-year-olds who get our wrists slapped if we misbehave?"

Soon, though, this tiff was forgotten. In 1982 Israel's siege of Beirut and the disastrous intervention of America's peacekeeping Marines showed the danger of getting signals crossed between the superpower and its client. After the war strategic co-operation was accordingly revived. Joint committees were set up to co-ordinate political and military planning, share intelligence, discuss Israel's aid requests and give America a chance to advise on economic policy. Early in 1988, when the intifada was already well under way, these arrangements were formalised (for five years anyway) in a "memorandum of understanding."

A friendship built up over decades does not melt overnight. But Israel cannot afford to take American loyalty for granted. It would be especially foolish to do so on the strength of this strategic partnership. Not that the partnership is the nonsense that Israel's critics in America say. The Sixth Fleet uses Israel's naval base at Haifa. American servicemen exercise with Israelis and receive intelligence on a region where their own intelligence record is bad. Some American weapons are stored in Israel for collection in a regional emergency. Israel is an active participant in the "Star Wars" project (a circumstance that helps the project win the support of many members of Congress suspicious of it but protective of Israel). Yet, even so, Israel's value as an instrument of

American foreign policy is limited.

In 1970 the Americans asked Israel to mobilise some troops to frighten the Syrians, who were threatening King Hussein's pro-American regime in Jordan. But that was a rare coincidence of interests. The two countries expect different things from the partnership. The Americans welcome what Israel can do to limit Russian influence in the region. Israel wants to enlist America in its confrontation with the Arabs whom (Libya perhaps apart) the Americans have no interest in confronting. In particular, Israel's success in persuading its friends in Congress to block arms sales to Arab states has damaged American influence, and the sales of American companies, in Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Kuwait.

The forging of a strategic partnership is one of the proudest achievements of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the muscular organisation which represents Israel's interests on Capitol Hill (and in electoral campaign chests back home) and which is often referred to in Washington simply as "the lobby". But this era is probably over. The small technical and tactical favours Israel can do for America count for little against the large gap which Arafat's recent diplomacy has exposed between the two countries' concerns.

The United States' overriding interest in the Middle East is to achieve a settlement between Israel and the Arabs. Israel says it shares that aim. But ever since 1977, when Begin and his Likud Party came to power, the two friends have quarrelled about the shape peace should take. The Americans say Israel must withdraw from much, though not all, of the land it seized in 1967. For that reason they objected alike to Israel's annexation then of East Jerusalem and the later extension of Israeli law to the Golan Heights. They regard the Jewish settlements that Israel has planted in the occupied West Bank and Gaza as illegal.

#### Disagree

On these fundamental points the Likud Party, which has been running Israel, either alone or in coalition with Labour, for a dozen years, entirely disagrees. In Sept 1982, President Reagan asked out an independent Palestine in the West Bank and Gaza, but called for a freeze on Jewish settlement and for Palestinian self-government in association with Jordan. Israel rejected the plan out of hand.

So long as there was no Arab peace offer, the argument remained other-worldly, and relations between the two governments were able to flourish despite it. Now Arafat has moved the disagreements between Israel and America out of the realm of theology into that of practical politics. Friction is bound to follow.

Some time soon, President Bush must decide how to respond to the international clamour for a peace initiative. He has two good reasons for avoiding a head-on collision with

Israel. First, any such initiative would bring his Republican administration into a damaging fight with the Democratic Congress at a time when support for Israel, and suspicion of Arafat, zealously fed by pro-Israeli lobby, still run high. American presidents have crossed Israel at their peril: in 1975, when President Ford ordered a "reassessment" of Middle East policy, 76 Senators sent him a sharp letter of reprimand.

The second reason is that a head-on collision with Israel might well not achieve the desired result. A superpower cannot always impose its will on a smaller ally when that ally believes its vital interests are at stake. Israel has defied American presidents before, in smaller matters. It fought President Reagan over his sale of AWACS radar aircraft to Saudi Arabia. It ignored repeated American appeals for restraint in Lebanon. Last year it turned down Shultz's proposal for an international peace conference, even though the PLO would not have been invited. Often, pressure from abroad merely presses Israelis grimly together.

#### Scope

This need not mean that there is no scope for successful American diplomacy. Israel's coalition government is fragile. For the moment, Shimon Peres, the leader of its Labour half, supports Likud in ruling out talks with the PLO. But opinion inside his party is shifting. Mordechai Gur, a former general and a possible successor to Peres, has said plainly, since Arafat's declaration in Geneva, that Israel should consider talking to the PLO. The party's general secretary has just resigned on this issue. Looking further ahead, Abba Eban, a former foreign minister, has been telling American audiences that a Palestinian state could, after all, be established without exposing Israel to mortal danger.

Not long ago ideas like these were treated as heresies by the Israeli government and by most of Israel's supporters in Congress. In both countries, however, the opinions of ordinary people may prove more flexible than those of politicians. A poll among Israelis in December found that more than half would favour negotiating with the PLO on "certain circumstances." Last April a poll among the Los Angeles Times found that 52 per cent of non-Jewish Americans favoured American negotiations with the PLO and the establishment of a Palestinian "homeland" in the occupied territories. Even among Jewish Americans 29 per cent agreed.

These are early glimmers. Most Americans are in no mood to abandon their special friend in the Middle East. They would probably never abandon the Israel of Rabin's imagination — a country dedicated to freedom, democracy and peace. But the intifada is showing Israelis and Americans alike that those values are not compatible with alien military rule over one-and-a-half million people who plainly reject it.

Courtesy: The Economist

### No justification for raising air fares

SIR: The proposal to raise air fares is preposterous and outrageous. It is both unwarranted and a very disturbing New Year gift.

Those who want to raise fares do not take into consideration the untold sufferings that will be caused to ordinary people. They know that most of the labour force have not received any increase in salaries, since the beginning of Iran-Iraq war. On the other hand there had been redundancies and reduction in salaries.

Some of those, who lost their jobs, managed to find alternative ones at considerable lower salaries, as they had no other choice. With these facts in front of them how can the policymakers propose to raise air fares? Their argument to provide better service in return is no excuse. Can they specify exactly what type of added service the airlines are going to offer?

If it is a better menu, it will not cost them more than half a dinar per plate.

If it is security, the govern-

ment has already passed the law to enforce airport tax, whereby they will collect about KD 2.75 million per year. Even the 20 kg baggage allowance is supposed to be strictly enforced.

Rather, this limitation should be waived as air fare has already gone up.

Those who want to raise the fares will not be affected at all, as they always get free passage and the best of service.

As all the airlines are making huge profits with existing fares and fuel prices have gone down, there is no justification to raise the fares.

Uthas Naik,  
Safat.



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- 1554 — Sir Thomas Wyatt's forces are defeated in attempt to take London.
- 1718 — French colonists arrive in Louisiana.
- 1788 — Austria's Joseph II declares war on Turkey.
- 1807 — Peace of Lunenburg between Austria and France marks virtual destruction of Holy Roman Empire.
- 1849 — Rome is proclaimed republic under Giuseppe Mazzini.
- 1891 — Menelik, emperor of Ethiopia, denounces Italian claims to a protectorate.
- 1909 — Germany recognizes France's special interests in Morocco.
- 1929 — Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Poland and Romania sign pact renouncing war.
- 1934 — Balkan pact is signed by Romania, Greece, Yugoslavia and Turkey.
- 1941 — German troops under General Erwin Rommel cross from Italy to North Africa in World War II.
- 1943 — World War II battle for Guadalcanal ends in US victory over Japanese.
- 1962 — Jamaica becomes independent nation within British Commonwealth.
- 1964 — UN Secretary-General U Thant appeals to Ethiopia and Somalia to end hostilities in which hundreds have been reported slain.
- 1971 — Earthquake in Los Angeles area of California kills at least 64 people.
- 1988 — Iran says its warplanes shot down three Iraqi jets in daylight dogfights over Gulf.

### What's lacking in Kuwait?

SIR: Kuwaitis and well-to-do expatriates flock to Dubai during weekends and holidays to spend their time and money. What attracts people to Dubai? Compared to Dubai what does Kuwait lack? Don't we have better tourist and other facilities. A self examination is certainly beneficial to enliven the local economy, particularly slumping hotel business and tourist trade.

Charles Freeman,  
Safat.



## CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the  
Arab Times

Many discrepancies in the portrayal of women on screen

## Censors take up the cause of Indian women

WITH a greater official awareness in India about the position of women, the mass media have been discreetly advised that they should strive to uphold the image of the fair sex and not bring it into disrepute.

The film medium however, is so vast that it has to depict all types of Indian women. Moreover, it must satisfy a vast audience and not merely the educated and the elite of high society. Consequently the Censor Board was given a directive that films which degraded women should be discouraged.

However several films have been passed by the censors which did not conform to these guidelines. In fact some of these films were downright degrading to women.

One assumes that their producers were not without influence, and that's why the film industry has been so surprised by the censor action on small films like 'Saat Bihyan', and the fight-to-finish battle over 'Pati Parmeshwar'.

Everyone is at a loss to understand why so much noise is being made over this particular film, the likes of which have been made since the days of silent films.

'Pati Parmeshwar' has been produced by the husband-wife team of Sadhna and R.K. Nayyar and directed by Madan Joshi. It features Sudha Chandran, Shekhar Suman and Dimple in a slightly contrasting role of the 'bad' (or other woman). The first censor committee refused to pass it and since then, a battle royal has been going on for one and a half years.

After the censor decision, the producer went to the high court, which viewed the film and ordered a certificate, after a few cuts and changes were carried out. But this was not accepted and the censors with their parent ministry appealed against it. The film was again screened twice before four, and then as many as panel members. The second committee passed it with a majority, whereupon, the Board overruled the decision of its own members, as well as indirectly of the court.

In justification, it was argued that the film medium is a very powerful one and can excite emotions more strongly than any

other art form. But which emotions was the Board talking about? In fact 'Pati Parmeshwar' directs anger and sympathy in favour of the poor wife, rejected by her husband, who becomes the villain of the piece. The appeal of the film seems to be in the right direction, with the erring hubby finally coming to his senses and back to his faithful wife.

## Objections

The main objection was the portrayal of the wife (Sudha) as a docile suffering creature, who submits to her husband's evil ways. This they said was "ignoble servility" and that it was also glorified while ignoring the current conditions and the need to change the status of women.

But then, it can be argued that in reality there are many such wives, who have no other option except to live on, till their husbands improve or mature, especially if they have children. All women do not hold jobs or are economically independent. They cannot easily get a divorce or leave their husbands. Their parents won't accept them back and they have nowhere to go.



Husband Shekhar goes to the other woman Dimple in 'Pati Parmeshwar'.

Some who tried have ended up in the flesh trade.

The film symbolises Indian reality, (not the Westernised one of liberated women of high or

affluent society). And it suggests that faith is the final remedy to bring such men to their senses. For that, the wife has to remain faithful and good. Otherwise, the very reason of her existence will be destroyed. It is this particular character's way of thinking and acting, even if it may be the wrong solution in the eyes of others. Her object is to save her marriage and she seeks her own solution. And the film arouses the public conscience about such women. How then can we call such a film socially unacceptable?

Of course, too much of needless suffering by masochistic women on screen should be avoided, as it may set an example. Such portions of downright degradation by the husband and servility by the wife could be cut out. But a whole film can't be stopped on such grounds. After all in several hit films, women have gone through the worse ordeals.

In 'Jai Santoshi Maa', which started a new wave of worship, the heroine is a devotee of the goddess. After her husband goes away to some other place, she is starved, tortured and reduced to a serf's level by the in-laws. Yet, she retains her marriage and her faith wins in the end. People loved the film, adored the heroine and worshipped the god-

dess.

Recently, films like 'Maa Beti', 'Aurat Teri Yehi Kahani', 'Jai Karoli Maa' and many others have shown women as orthodox obedient creatures. Their total reliance is on man or God and they win in the end. At the other extreme are those revenge films showing women taking up weapons and making up schemes to ruin and kill the wrong-doing men. Both stereotypes are make-believe.

Most women in India are intelligent enough to know that all this is film fantasy and every real situation brings out its own realistic solution.

## Applies

The same applies to the two women of 'Pati Parmeshwar'. Let's see what it is all about. Shekhar is a heartless cheat and rogue. He deceives Dimple and her father. She swears revenge and pretends to be a dancing girl to exploit his weakness for women. Meanwhile, the chap marries Sudha to extract a few lakhs from her father. Dimple takes his money but gives him nothing in return. Sudha becomes heart-broken at the idea of the other woman and at her husband maltreating her.

At last he is struck with paralysis, which is the film's apt punishment for evil. Sudha looks after him, even goes to the extent of taking him to Dimple, in the hope of a cure. But Dimple now ditches the married and crippled man, who had cheated her. He finally repents, acknowledging his wife's good qualities.

The problem of the film is faced in a different way by many families, on the verge of break-up due to marital failure. Some take recourse to divorce and a long separation with kids going astray. Some just tolerate and others fight back, depending on their temperament. Films of course show them in a simplistic exaggerated way. But there is no need to pick on one or two films and block them with long legal battles. 'Nobody' can say that these films will badly affect womenfolk. No studies have been made of their social impact.



Sudha Chandran in 'Pati Parmeshwar'. Does the film paint a docile picture of Indian women?

If it all, the real bad effect is left by the violent and sexy films. Why are they freely allowed?

## Experience

Experience shows that many such films on women just come

and go without making any ripples. 'Saat Bihyan' itself was held up for two years after showing seven women using violent means for revenge. But when released, it fizzled out in two

weeks, whereas the censors had argued that it would have had a wide bad influence. The audience is the final judge and it should be left to judge 'Pati Parmeshwar' too.

## Behind the screen

After mysteriously alluding to a cricketer, an actor and even the pock-marked Om Puri as the father of her illegitimate child Neena Gupta is now trying to clutch on to Shatrughan Sinha. A rumour was afloat that she had visited Shatrughan's old flat and he was quite keen on her. Neena was seen in a revealing dress, (most unlike a new mother), to the big Garware party and chummed up everybody. But when asked about the mysterious father, she just shrugged her bare shoulders.

Anil Kapoor was one-up on others by having five birthday

cakes at different places. He cut one with Meenakshi, another with Sridevi, a third brought by his female fans and the fourth by his wife. The only one he could not reach was Madhuri, who was left holding the cake till late at night.

There was a battle royal between two fading superstars of the same political party. The heliport spot in Film City was used by Amitabh for a week for 'Khuda Gawah' as a desert set. He needed another day. But the next one in line was Rajesh Khanna for his film 'Police Ke Peechey Police' he refused to give it. Amit then had to shoot the whole night to avoid asking a favour. Then Rajesh remembered he needed a similar set and sent a word that the others could shoot for one more day in exchange for the sets. You can imagine the answer he received.

Jayshri T. used to swear eternal love for Sanjeev Kumar. One magazine even carried a story that Sanjeev had been re-born in her sister's home. Now suddenly the T girl has forgotten all that and tied the knot with Jayprakash Winyak, brother of actress Nanda. What will happen to poor Sanjeev when he grows up?



Amitabh Bachchan: patience is the name of the game



Pooja Bedi (right) with Chunky. Is he her next victim?

Many actresses are home-breakers but they hide behind some excuse. There is Pooja Bedi, who has no sense of guilt or shame in ruining the family life of Zarina Wahab. Aadiya and their small child. At first Pooja called Zarina a friend, now she calls her a matron. Zarina used to go along with her, but now she has only the choicest curses for her. How can these people make

good films, when they can't even make good homes?

While director J.P. Dutta kept on wasting time to decide angles and shots for 'Bandha', Amitabh sat patiently. When the shooting at last started, Amit told J.P. that he should make three or four films together. What he meant was that all those movies could have been made within the same time.



Dilip Kumar (right) blesses Jayshri T. and J. Winyak. Once she swore eternal love for Sanjeev Kumar.



Jayapradha: signed up for starring role

## Indian film on Benazir

HINDI cinema has always been shrewd enough to cash in on a fad or people in the news. Three years-back when Charles Sobhraj was in prison, a few producers ganged up and signed Danny Denzongpa. He, of the chunky eyes and sinister scowl, to play the hood. The enterprise never made it to the big screen. Enthused by the 'Benazir' phenomenon, an adventurous movie-maker, Chandra Sharma has launched a film, 'Dharma Jyoti' on the Pakistani prime minister's life and times.

And playing the daughter of the East is that stunning actress, Jayapradha. Benazir will no doubt be pleased by the compliment.

Etching her charismatic father Zulfikar Ali Bhutto will be Janki Das, while Raj Babbar and Jeetendra have also been signed up for the project.

One key part is still up for grabs. General Zia's. Will it be Amrish Puri or Kadar Khan? Amjad Khan or Pran? Place your bets folks.



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IN my continuing series on white-collar crime — a subject I will be dealing with through much of 1989 — I am happy to report that justice is being served because these criminals are being sentenced to community service rather than to jail. So much so that there is now a shortage of jobs for white-collar criminals to perform.

I know this because not a day goes by without someone, who has plea-bargained his way out of a prison sentence, showing up and volunteering to work for me as part of his punishment.

Only last week a gentleman in a Ralph Lauren double-breasted suit and cashmere sweater, holding a mop in one hand and a squeegee in the other, appeared on my doorstep.

"How do you do, sir," he said. "I am a former president of a Texas savings and loan association, and I embezzled the whole stack from my depositors. I was given a choice of 20 years in prison or doing 1,000 hours of community service. I chose the latter and I was wondering if I could wash your car."

"That's very kind of you," I told him. "But we had a convicted felon from

## The Art Buchwald Column

# White-collar sentence

one of New York's largest brokerage houses wax our car yesterday. He was working off 1,500 hours in order to pay his debt to society."

"Perhaps then," the S&L executive said, "I could clean your windows. I believe I am the only white-collar criminal who does windows."

"I'm sure you do good work. But we don't really need any windows washed today."

The man sounded nervous. "I hate to beg, but if I don't put in five community service hours by the end of the day, the judge will send me to jail. How about letting me shovel snow from your walk?"

"But it isn't snowing."

"The court will never know," he said.

"That's perjury, which probably got you where you are today. The object

of a sentence like this is rehabilitation so that a person will never commit a nonviolent white-collar crime again."

"Absolutely," he agreed. "But how can I do it if no one will let me perform the work? I am also a trash man — the best in the Sixth Circuit Court."

"We could use someone to handle trash. But you're a white-collar criminal. How do we know you won't come into our home and juggle our household account books while we're not watching?"

"Trust me. Ever since I have had to cut lawns, I've realized the folly of putting large sums of other people's money into my own account. Nobody who has ever cleaned toilets in community service goes back to a life of crime again."

"You sound contrite," I admitted. "And I think it

only fair that we give you a chance to rehabilitate yourself. But if you try to open so much as one Swiss bank account while you work for us, I will see that you never do an hour of community service again."

"Yes, sir — thank you, oh, thank you. If you let me take out your trash, I will only have 896 more hours to complete."

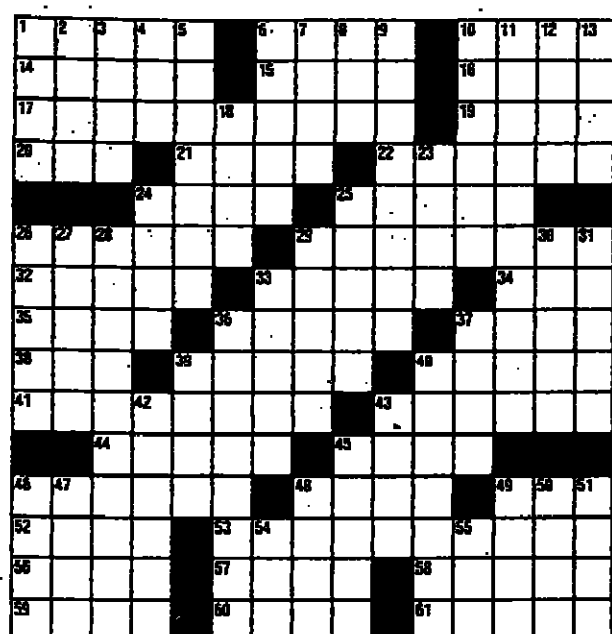
"After you have finished with the trash, my neighbour, Robert Parrish, needs his gutters painted."

"I don't do gutters. But I have a friend putting in 700 hours for illegal computer entry, and he's a whiz with a paintbrush. He loves it so much that when his sentence is up, he is thinking of asking the judge if he can stay on marking lines down the middle of the road."

I said, "What I like about you white-collar criminals is that once you're caught, you have a good attitude. You seem eager to carry out your sentence."

"Community service may not be the same as working for Merrill Lynch," he replied, "but it beats the hell out of making license plates in the Big House." 1989, Los Angeles Times Syndicate

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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
EVERYTHING TELLS A STORY

Both vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ 10 9 6  
♥ Q J 8 6 3 2  
♦ 4  
♣ A 9 5

**WEST**  
♠ A 3  
♥ K 10 9 5  
♦ K 7 6 3  
♣ J 7 2

**EAST**  
♠ 8 4 2  
♥ A 7 4  
♦ Q J 5  
♣ Q 6 4 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q J 7 5  
♥ Void  
♦ A 10 9 8 2  
♣ K 10 8

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

4 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

We are often asked whether we think that artificial club systems are better than the more natural ones employed by the vast majority of players. In the hands of a top-flight pair, perhaps so. However, most of these methods are too involved for the average player, and they have some odd drawbacks that can be exploited by astute defenders. This hand was played in a national

championship. North-South were using the Precision Club System, in which opening bids of one in a suit other than clubs showed a hand with fewer than 16 high-card points. West put this knowledge to good use to defeat a close contract.

In normal methods, South's one spade opening could be as strong as 20-21 points, so the auction would carry little information. However, West knew from South's opening bid that South could not have more than 15 HCP. Therefore, South had to have a highly distributional hand to jump to game after receiving only a simple raise.

A distributional hand meant ruffs somewhere. To cut down on that possibility, West elected to lead aces of spades and another. That proved to be deadly. Declarer could ruff only one diamond in dummy, so he had to concede two diamonds and a club in addition to the ace of trumps.

Note that, without a trump lead, declarer has plain sailing. Since he can get to ruff at least two diamonds in dummy, he will come home with his contract. Indeed, on some lines he might even end up with an overtrick.

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

TARA SALA RITA  
ALAN PETERS ODIN  
ROCKHUDSON BELT  
TEE ORES IDEALS  
JOIS AVER  
CARATS TREATED  
EDAM PAUL UNIT  
RAVE COMAS RANI  
ONES APES ITEM  
ANGERED SECEDE  
ARCS LASH  
PEORIA LATE HAS  
AMIN STACYKEACH  
WISE SEVER AREO  
STER DADS REST



## Things your husband won't tell you ...

By Sylvia Hughes

IT'S an absolute fact that when a woman looks good — and knows she looks good — she feels good too. She walks tall and proud. It is also an absolute fact (and you'll have to trust me on this one) that when a woman is all dressed up and her husband tells her she looks good, she feels terrific — which is better than good.

The trouble is that few husbands ever come through with these compliments — especially when they are needed most.

Let's say you have a big function to go to, such as your husband's company dinner-dance. It can be a nightmare trying to look right, never mind looking good.

Naturally you want to fit in and, at the same time, stand out. It's not easy. And it's very important that you have your husband's support and admiration. But look what happens.

First you decide to get your hair done. You make a major, disastrous mistake in telling your hair-dresser you're going some place special. Why? Because she then decides to try something different.

Now, you don't want to look different. You want to look the same, only more gorgeous. But if you're like most women, the one language you do not speak at all well is "Hairdresser." And if she's like most hairdressers, she doesn't listen to you anyway. She's not really interested in how you want your hair done. No, she's interested in "expressing herself." Never mind that self-expression has to see you through a very tricky evening. So she does your hair and expresses herself. She loves it. You hate it. A lot.

But you don't say anything. For one thing it's too late to change it anyway, and for another thing you're tight-lipped and trembling and ready to burst into tears. Out on the street you keep catching your reflection in store windows and can't believe that this unusual looking hair is on your head. All the way home you keep trying to convince yourself that it really does look good. You're just not used to it yet.

Always the optimist, you brave into the house and ask brightly, "Well, how do you like it?" The kids turn reluctantly from the TV set and stare at you for a long moment. Finally your youngest child says "Mum," and the three pairs of eyes switch back to the Smurfs.

Just then your husband leans halfway down the staircase



and, spotting you, says, "Listen, you better hurry —" you wait for a comment, "— or we're going to be late." He rushes back upstairs.

You put on your makeup, very carefully applying the gold-and-glitter eyeshadow the lady in the store assured you everyone is wearing. You ease on the new pantyhose with your salon-manicured nails. You perch unsmilingly in your new, higher-than-usual heels.

And finally you spray your body with something guaranteed to make strange men want to rip off your clothes in public. Now you're ready for the dress. The Dress. The one you couldn't afford but had to have because it's perfect. The dress you've been looking for all your life. The dress of a lifetime. You slip it on. Slowly. Reverently. And you turn to see yourself in the mirror.

It looks awful. It doesn't work. Your new dress looked terrific before. It worked perfectly, with your old hair. With this hair, it's a disaster.

You feel like crying but you keep hoping that the trouble is all in your imagination. Maybe you do look terrific. Maybe your husband will say whatever magic words it takes to make you feel good. You teeter into the living room, and the first thing you hear is, "Wow ... oh boy ... would you look at that!" You start to beam until he continues, "... all the way to the fifty-yard line." You clear your throat loudly. Still nothing.

"I'm ready," you announce. He switches off the TV, glances at his watch and says you should have been ready ten minutes ago and the baby-sitter's with the kids.

You try again in the car. "You look nice," you tell him.

He mentions he doesn't feel too good, his sinuses are clogged.

But you don't give up. "I wonder ..." you wonder aloud, "how all the women will be dressed?"

No reply. Just the thrumming of the tyres on the road. "I wonder ..." you wonder again, only a little louder. "Shh ... quiet ... listen ... hear anything?"

You listen. You hear nothing. Certainly not a compliment.

"Isn't there a kind of funny hum coming from the engine?" He strains to listen.

You sit and seethe. You're still mad after you've arrived and the car is parked, so you decided to let him come around and open the door for you. You're all dressed up, for heaven's sake. It's the least he can do. You watch him walk around the front of the car — and then stop. He kicks the first tyre. Then the second tyre.

Then he bends down to inspect the tyre while you sit there in someone else's hair, wearing a dress that doesn't look right and covered with more makeup than you usually wear in an entire month. You wrench

open the door and step out, right into a puddle.

That does it.

You hobble to the crouching figure who is now down on all fours, peering under the car. You have had it, and you let him know about all the disappointment you've felt all evening. All the trouble you've gone to look nice, and he hasn't said one word. Nothing.

And now your shoe's all wet and you don't feel right and you'd rather not go to the stupid dinner-dance. Let's go home. Come on. Let's go, now. Please. And he doesn't know what you're talking about. He struggles to his feet and says you look fine. Just fine. After all, he explains, he'd certainly tell you if he didn't like the way you looked!

At this point you narrow your eyes and get ready to really let him have it. But then ... he gives you a big grin, puts his arm around you and says, "Just kidding ... just kidding, you really look terrific ... and ... hey ..." he really sees you for the first time that evening — "is that a new hairdo? I love it — you look great. Let's go."

Then, just before you go into the dance he stops suddenly, fiddles with his tuxedo tie and ask anxiously, "Listen, do I look okay?"

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By Smith

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## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The better influence of the Moon coupled with that of Venus will help you to stay on good terms with those close to you. You should make sure you do not let some small obstacle be blown out of proportion. Concentrate hard on what you are doing. Be more cordial.



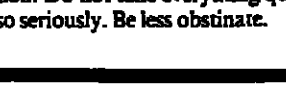
Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

There will be some tension, but by facing up to it you will be able to reduce it. You should make sure you do not lose sight of or mistake your objectives. Do all you can to avoid confusion. Be tolerant.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

The Moon's less favourable influence will make it more difficult for you to stay on good terms with those around you. However, the more favourable influence of the Sun and Venus will help you to avoid serious conflicts.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

This is going to be an interesting day for you and you should ensure you do not allow yourself to be distracted. If you decide not to make any further concessions you may well end up by losing everything so beware.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should not lose sight of your objectives. And you should not get things out of proportion. Avoid allowing yourself to be provoked, nor should you do anything deliberately provocative. Be prudent.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

The Moon's more favourable influence will help you to deal with a rather formidable obstacle. There is however no time to waste if you want to prevent complications from arising. And do not just hope for the best. Be relevant.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You should work hard without allowing issues of work to dominate your personal life. You are far too inclined to take things for granted just now. You should not do anything that runs counter to your principles. Be reasonable.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You will be a little unsure of yourself at first, but later on you will regain your usual confidence. A change you do not much like will have to be coped with — it cannot be escaped.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

If you are not careful you will be hoodwinked into believing what you would like to believe. You should do your best to understand the full implications of an innovation. Do not take everything quite so seriously. Be less obstinate.



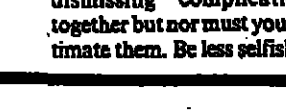
Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You will have the wind in your sails, but your objectives are somewhat over the horizon. Make sure you do not run out of patience and steer a tight course. And avoid wasting time on trivialities. Be fair.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You will have plenty of enthusiasm to begin with but you are rather likely to run out of steam. A little more willpower is what is needed just now. You should avoid dismissing complications altogether but must not underestimate them. Be less selfish.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You should not allow yourself to be put off by a difficulty, formidable though it seems it can still be tackled. You should not try to mend something electrical unless you are quite sure you know what you are doing.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Jordan shuts down money changers

AMMAN, Jordan, Feb 8, (AP): The government today shut down all money changing houses that trade outside the kingdom's banking system, accusing them of illegal transactions that fed instability in the national currency.

The martial law action by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai was broadcast by state-run Radio Jordan. Police immediately fanned out through downtown to enforce the order.

A wave of speculation in recent days has seen the value of the dinar, worth about \$3 last year, slip from above 1.80 to 1.50.

Interior Minister Rajai Dajani said in a statement read over the radio that the government had acted to stabilise the dinar and had warned money changers to stick to Central Bank instructions.

But, he said, "the money changers continued their illegitimate dealings and their irresponsible acts and it was proved to the Central Bank of Jordan that those money dealers are the main cause behind the illogical increase of foreign currency to the Jordanian dinar."

Central Bank Governor Hussein Kassem told the Associated Press it was "too early to comment" on the action.

The government ordered all bank accounts of money changers frozen and their records seized for inspection.

**System**  
The new rules appear designed to force exchange transactions into the banking system, where the government can exercise greater control over the currency's value.

Following an earlier wave of devaluation last year, the government banned money changers from holding foreign bank accounts or dealing in checks. It also imposed tighter restrictions on money shipped out of the country, banned several types of luxury imports and announced budget cuts for 1989 in order to protect foreign reserves.

The Central Bank on Saturday tried to narrow the gap between the free market money change rate and the official rate by creating a new bank rate of about \$1.75. The official rate had been \$2.02.

**Channel**  
The dozens of money changers in Amman have been a major channel for money sent home by hundreds of thousands of Jordanians working in the Gulf and elsewhere. That income is crucial to the Jordanian economy and has historically been its largest source of foreign exchange.

But the government in recent months has accused money changers of aiding illegal transfers of money out of the kingdom.

Dajani noted that Jordan faced "some economic hardships" in part due to the failure of Arab oil states to pay the full \$1.2 billion a year for a decade they promised to Jordan in 1978.

Apparently counting on that money, Jordan built up a substantial foreign debt and is paying some \$900 million a year in repayments.

**Indian investment climate lauded**

NEW DELHI, Feb 8: The investment climate in India is good, after setting up the fast track to process investment proposals, and India's liberalisation policy.

"We have no more request to make to the government of India in his regard," Kiyooki Kikuchi, leader of Japan's high level mission on economic and technical co-operation told a news conference here last week.

Kikuchi, who is the special adviser to the minister for foreign affairs, said that it was explained to the mission that the 40 per cent ceiling on foreign investment under the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) was not a rigid ceiling. It could exceed 40 per cent if it is in hi-tech or export-oriented sectors.

**Delegation**  
The 18-member delegation with representatives from eight ministries and four executive agencies had wide ranging discussions with ministers of finance, external affairs, industry, agriculture, commerce, civil aviation and tourism, energy, Planning Commission and cabinet secretary.

The in-depth policy, dialogue Kikuchi described the mission's objective, has resulted in identifying six priority areas for Japan's future development assistance to India. They are: basic infrastructure, industrial productivity, improvement of agricultural productivity, conservation and improvement of environment, health and medical care and social services, and human resources development.

## Oil expert sees potential problems from possible summit

## Iraq and Moscow pledge support for OPEC

BAGHDAD, Iraq, Feb 8, (AP): Iraq and the Soviet Union yesterday pledged support for OPEC's strategy to strengthen oil prices, an Oil Ministry spokesman said.

The spokesman, who requested anonymity, said that Soviet Oil Minister Vasil Denkov told his Iraqi counterpart Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi the Soviet Union will back the 13-nation organisation's stabilisation plan.

Denkov said the Soviet Union would take "all necessary steps" to help the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries maintain oil prices at current levels, the spokesman said.

**Experts**  
Soviet experts participated in a meeting last month in London for both OPEC and non-OPEC producers where it was agreed to try to firm up prices in the second quarter of 1989.

The meeting followed an OPEC agreement, enforced Jan 4, to cut production for member states by around three million barrels to an aggregate ceiling of 18.5 million barrels a day.

The organisation has been seeking co-operation from independent producers to

absorb a glut on the market and arrest a 2-year slide in oil prices. The Soviet Union is the world's largest oil-producer with output estimated at 12.4 million barrels a day.

**Prices**  
OPEC officials have said that Soviet co-operation is essential in maintaining prices and stabilising the market.

Denkov was in Baghdad for bilateral talks on boosting trade and economic ties.

Meanwhile, an oil industry analyst, commenting on the possibility of OPEC ministers marking the organisation's 30th anniversary with a summit next year, has warned of potential problems if the session didn't help bolster the market.

Subroto, secretary-general of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, said recently that key oil ministers would discuss the summit proposal at a meeting scheduled late next month in Vienna.

Analysts cautioned that scheduling a high-level meeting would raise hopes that the leaders would act to strengthen the oil market. Failure to do so,

they said, would deliver a sharp blow to the financial markets.

"I think it would be about the most disastrous thing they could do," said London-based analyst Paul McDonald.

"I cannot imagine what on earth they could find to talk about," he said.

But Venezuela's new President, Carlos Andres Perez, reportedly has urged in recent trips to the Middle East that a summit be held. Venezuela is a founding member of the organisation.

In his inaugural speech last week, Perez said a "meeting of OPEC chiefs of state is considered propitious to give approval to a strategy that will orient the organisation during the '90s."

An OPEC summit was last held in March 1975 in Algiers.

The oil ministers of Ecuador, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela met last week in Venezuela. Afterward, Subroto said, "everybody present at the meeting expressed the need for the holding of an OPEC summit."

Subroto, according to the OPEC news agency, said the OPEC monitoring committee

meeting next month in Vienna would discuss the time, place and theme of the proposed summit.

Prices have tended to climb in advance of recent OPEC meetings and often tumbled afterward when expectations of strong steps were dashed.

**Chance**  
Bahman Karbassioun, a consultant in Vienna, said there was a reasonable chance of a 1990 summit. He said OPEC had planned a 20th anniversary summit in September 1980, but that meeting was cancelled when war broke out between two members, Iran and Iraq. The war was halted by a ceasefire in August.

By holding a gathering linked to the 30th anniversary, Macleod said, the heads of state would have "a reason to meet" and hold down expectations in the markets.

At a November meeting in Vienna, the oil ministers fashioned a new production accord in an effort to curtail their output and lift prices. They set an overall production ceiling of 18.5 million barrels a day for the first six months of 1989, sharply under the levels at the end of last year.

The International Energy Agency estimated in its monthly oil market report that OPEC crude production in January was 19.4 million barrels a day, off 3.4 million barrels a day from December.

Saudi Arabia, the world's No. 1 oil exporter, slashed production last month by more than two million barrels a day to an average of 4.5 million barrels a day, according to the report.

**Agreement**  
Crude prices generally have risen since the output agreement was struck, a pickup tied to optimism the OPEC countries intend to stick to the individual output targets set in the accord. Prices though, remain under the organisation's benchmark of \$18 a barrel.

As part of the accord, the oil ministers set up the monitoring committee to watch prices in the market and members' adherence to their new quotas. Panel members represent Algeria, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela.

Other OPEC members are Gabon, Ecuador, Libya, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar.

## Lebanese Central Bank appoints new head to Al-Mashreq Bank

BEIRUT, Feb 8, (Reuters): Lebanon's Central Bank has appointed a provisional manager to oversee the troubled Al-Mashreq Bank whose collapse for a second time in 23 years could shake the country's entire banking system, official sources said.

They said Central Bank Governor Edmond Naim had also decided not to provide funds for foreign branches of Al-Mashreq, one of Lebanon's major banks, until detailed information about their situation was available.

**Transactions**  
A serious banking source close to Al-Mashreq attributed the bank's collapse to its long-term investment policies.

The Central Bank and the Lebanese Finance Ministry are major shareholders in Al-Mashreq through their 51 per cent holding in Intra Investment Company, which in turn owns 42 per cent of the bank's equity.

"Financial authorities in countries where Al-Mashreq has branches control the bank's transactions (there and)...the Lebanon Central Bank has no authority...we can't provide liquidity to satisfy depositors' demands there," one official financial source said yesterday.

The bank has seven branches in Lebanon, one in the Jordanian capital Amman, one in Qatar and a subsidiary in Switzerland.

One banking source said that if Al-Mashreq collapsed, it would bring chaos to Lebanon's banking sector and undermine the country's shaky economy.

Some 87 registered banks still function in war-weary Lebanon, once the main financial centre in the Middle East, and form the major assets in the Lebanese economy.

Depositors' money is being held on a "savings" basis, but banks cannot collect their money, then depositors in other local banks will feel endangered...everybody will rush to the banks and ask to cash their accounts," the banking source said.

Lucien Dahdah, the new provisional manager of Al-Mashreq, takes over from the bank's former president Roger Tamraz, who was in charge when the bank failed to meet depositors' demands last month.

One banking source said Governor Naim sued Tamraz after the failure to repay the Central Bank \$22 million paid on January 6 to prevent a crisis of confidence in other banks linked to Al-Mashreq.

**Assets**  
Tamraz put up as collateral his personal assets and those of Milchare Company, operator of four smaller banks he owns.

He is reported to be living in West Beirut and was not available for comment.

The crisis initially caused panic among depositors who rushed to Al-Mashreq and its affiliated banks to withdraw their money. Naim urged them not to withdraw and said the Central Bank would provide liquidity to all banks in financial trouble.

According to official sources, Al-Mashreq's deficit in Lebanon is around \$100 million. They had no figures for its branches abroad.

Less than two years ago Al-Mashreq's deposits totalled 120 billion pounds (about \$250 million then), they said.

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## N. Korea denies trade deals

TOKYO, Feb 8, (AP): North Korea accused South Korea today of fabricating reports that the two sides had opened trade and conducted talks on a joint venture fur company.

The official Workers Party newspaper, Rodong Shinmun, said such reports were false and meant "to win public favour and thereby defuse the crisis of (South Korean leaders' dictatorial rule, which has now reached a serious phase."

Pyeongyang's Korean Central News Agency, monitored in Tokyo, carried excerpts of the newspaper commentary.

**Talks**  
The paper denied that there had been any talks with Jindo Corp of South Korea, the world's largest producer of fur goods, about a plan to construct

a joint venture fur plant in the North.

Last month, Jindo executive director Kim Jin-Young said in Seoul that his company was gathering information about the North Korean proposal.

The North Korean commentary came two days after officials in the South Korean port of Incheon reported the arrival of the first direct shipment of merchandise from North Korea since the start of the three-year Korean War in 1950. The shipment contained 20,900 tons of coal.

Also last week, South Korean tycoon Chung Ju-yung returned from a 10-day trip to North Korea and said he had agreed in principle with the North on projects to jointly develop a tourist resort, shipyard and rail plant in North Korea.

## Budget cuts a must to overcome Mexican economic crisis

MEXICO CITY, Feb 8, (AP): The government must further slash its budget deficit and raise \$36 billion in fresh foreign credits over the next six years to pull Mexico out of its economic crisis, a private economic study said yesterday.

Meanwhile, the government has rejected a \$3.5 billion package in short-term loans offered by the United States as too onerous and, instead, Treasury Secretary Pedro Aspe was in Washington this week trying to negotiate easier payment terms on Mexico's \$106 billion foreign debt.

**Supply**  
The study by the pan-American Private Management Institute said the government must lower its budget deficit to at least 6.4 per cent of gross domestic product from 14.9 per cent in 1987.

It also said President Carlos Salinas de Gortari's administration should seek an average of \$6 billion annually over the next six years in long-term loans from abroad so the economy, which remained virtually stagnant during the preceding administration, can start growing again.

Similarly, the study said the administration must sharply restrict the money supply to keep down inflation, which hit an all-time high of 159 per cent in 1987. It dropped to 51.7 per cent last year as a result of tight restrictions on wage and retail price increases that began in the last year of President Miguel de La Madrid's six-year administration. The plan was extended for another six months by Salinas when he took office on Dec 1.

A Treasury official, who insisted on anonymity, said in a recent interview that Mexico would not use the US loan offered in October because it would mean even more burdensome debt payments.

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## World Business Summary

### Company workers gain millions in stock debut


LONDON, Feb 8, (AP): Employees of the national freight consortium who bought stock in 1982 for 2 1/2 pence (4.3 cents) saw their fortunes soar when the company started trading on the London Stock Exchange at 100 times that price. News reports said one mechanic, who was not identified, had £2.2 million (\$3.8 million) worth of stock at yesterday's prices. Some 10,000 typists, truck drivers and managers bought into the struggling freight transport giant when the government sold it in an early privatisation seven years ago. In 1982, the workers ignored union advice, sceptical financial experts and a severe recession in road transport to empty their savings accounts, mortgage their homes, and beg and borrow to raise £2.5 million (\$92.5 million) to buy their firm. Year after year of expansion and success followed and yesterday their shares sold for a closing price of £2.50 (\$4.37). At the closing price, the company once known as the lame-duck road transport arm of British Railways was valued at £800 million (\$1.38 billion). Previously the company's shares — all but 17 per cent held by staff, workers, retired workers and their relatives — have been traded on an internal market. It was that "private exchange" that set yesterday's starting price of £1.85. Before the flotation the shares were standing at £1.85 (\$3.20), but with most of the workers refusing to sell, demand for the new stock sent the price shooting up. Only a few of the investors, including the mechanic, who was not named, and chairman Sir Peter Thompson, will be millionaires. Four hundred other workers are believed to hold stock that rose to be worth at least £250,000 (\$432,500) during the years since the privatisation. Yesterday's bumper profits, their stock is now worth £337,500 (\$583,875).

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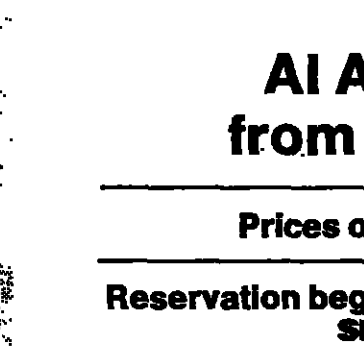
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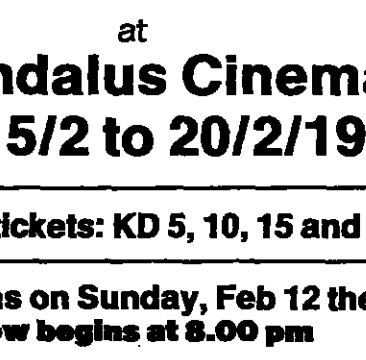
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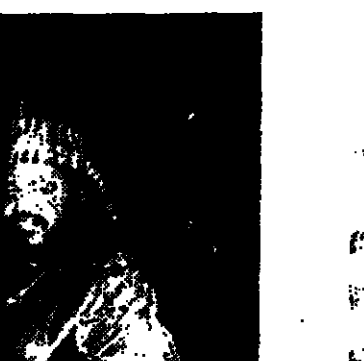
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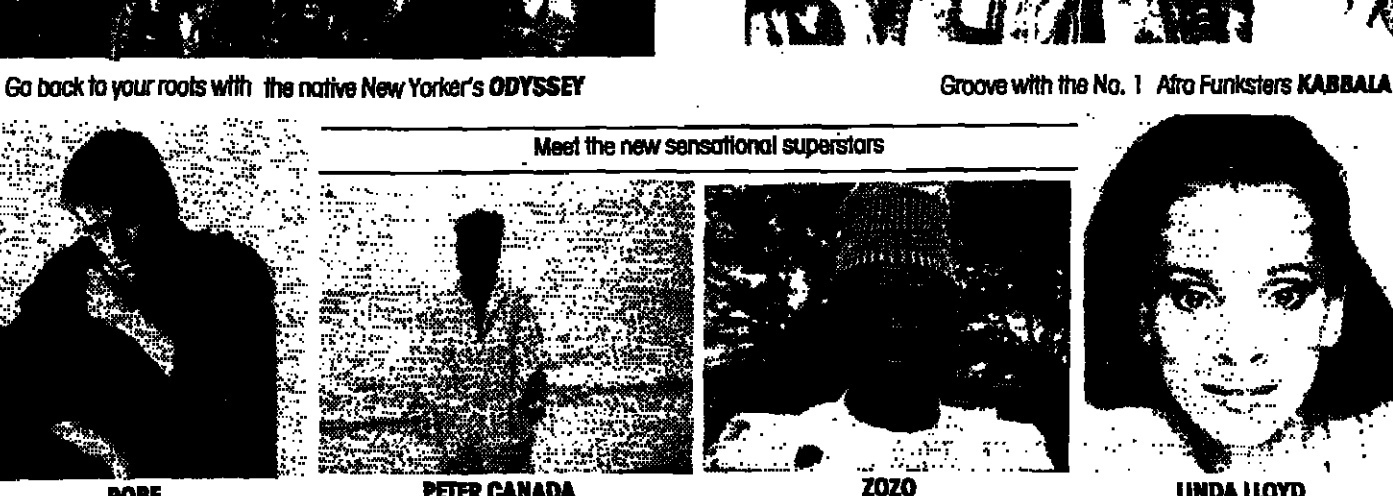


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FTSE index of leading shares breaks through 2,100 points

## World stock markets soar in hectic business

LONDON, Feb. 8. (Reuters): Stock markets around the world soared today in hectic business on a feeling among some investors that interest rates may have peaked.

On Wall Street, early selling to take profits swiftly faded and the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 10 points at 2,357.14 points by New York's midday.

Shares in London, Frankfurt and Paris closed sharply higher and Tokyo notched its fourth consecutive record close.

**Slipped**  
London's FTSE index of 100 leading shares broke through 2,100 points briefly for the first time since just before the crash of 1987, but it slipped back to finish at 2,096.2, up 23.4 on the day and a post-crash high.

Traders noted waves of foreign buying on key exchanges. "There are clearly willing buyers out there and it's difficult to see when the buying is going to stop," said Paul Walton, Equity Strategist at London brokers Warburg Securities.

"There's plenty of institutional support for shares at around current levels but we're still keeping an eye on what Wall Street is doing," one trader said. "It's difficult to see this market coming down too much in the

near future," one dealer said, explaining there were many investors who wanted to buy stock on a fundamental basis and adjust positions after the sharp new year rally.

**Exaggerating**  
"There are still people out there who missed out on the first push and are looking to get on board," another said. Shortages of stock are also exaggerating gains, dealers noted.

Dealers are anticipating the market might want to consolidate at around 2,100 points on the FTSE. They warned, however, that shares here could become vulnerable if US interest rates are raised. Such a move could hit Wall Street.

The strong dollar has been helping international issues here to move ahead sharply. But the currency's strength has been drawn from speculation US interest rates will go higher.

Foreign exchange dealers said this speculation has moderated somewhat in a market which is waiting to see what President Bush's budget address to Congress late Thursday holds.

Blue chips led the way today with ICI up 21p to 1,228, Glaxo 19p ahead at 1,288 and BOC 23p higher at 514.

The banks were in demand

ahead of the reporting season which begins towards the end of this month. National Westminster pushed ahead 26p to 628, while Barclays added 20p to 484.

**Boosted**  
Dealers said Natwest shares were also boosted by a positive circular from a large overseas broker.

Some of the issues which have risen on speculative demand recently fell back today including Ultramar, down 4p to 312. Dealers said a lack of developments after yesterday's news that Canadian firms Novoco and Unigeco had cut their joint stake to 1.6 per cent weighed on Ultramar. The two firms on Jan 31 were members of a party which held 4.27 per cent.

Brewer Scottish and Newcastle fell 6p to 423 after recent gains. The market is awaiting news on Elders LXL's £1.6 billion hostile bid, referred to monopolies authorities last year.

Thorn EMI moved against the trend, falling 10p to 718, after brokers Warburg Securities downgraded its profit forecast for the company by £7 million to £285 million for the year ending March 1989. This compares with a pre-tax profit of 292 million in the previous year.

Analyst James Golob at War-

burg said the forecast was lowered because of a deterioration in the performance of Thorn's Rumbelows electrical retailing unit. Golob said the performance of the rest of the group was "very much up to scratch."

Electronics shares saw Plessey unchanged at 248, GEC up a penny to 228 and Cable and Wireless down 4p to 440.

**Offer**  
Shares in industrial group Thomson T-Line slipped back a penny to 90 after news the company recommended a 90p per share increased offer from leisure company Ladbroke valuing Thomson at £185.7 million. Thomson was the most active issue today with over 27.5 million shares changing hands by the close.

Five per cent Thomson stakeholder Hanson said it intended to accept Ladbroke's offer. Hanson said it had agreed to support a higher bid from Wembley which was blocked by the takeover panel.

Wembley PLC's recent proposed offer of 95p per share for Thomson was invalidated by its earlier statement that it had ended talks with the company and would not make an offer.

News that 18 per cent stakeholder News Corp issued

preference shares convertible into Pearson stock came as little surprise to the market. News Corp chief Rupert Murdoch said last November that he might make such a move.

By the close FTSE 100 stood at 2,096.2, up a net 23.4 points on yesterday's close. A late rally on Wall Street was largely ignored by a London market drifting ahead of the close. Leading share volume was a brisk 830.9 million by the close.

**Intervention**  
The dollar closed in London at 1.8730 marks and 129.70 yen compared with 1.8675 and 129.30 yesterday.

But dealers said that fading hopes of higher US interest rates and Western central bank intervention earlier this week to sap the dollar's strength have hit the US currency.

The dollar touched a five-month high of just under 1.89 marks on Monday triggering massive central bank dollar sales.

Gold closed in London at \$390.50 an ounce compared with \$392.75 yesterday.

North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded crude, was quoted higher at around \$16.10 a barrel for March delivery, against 15.90 yesterday.



Tokyo stock traders wave their order sheets in frantic trading at the Stock Exchange as share prices topped 32,000 for the first time yesterday, surging to a record 32,032.85 at midday, following Wall Street's rise to new post-crash highs on Tuesday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Foreigners rushing to grab Tokyo stocks as market picks up steam

TOKYO, Feb. 8. (Reuters): Japanese brokers are predicting good things for Tokyo stocks this year and foreigners seem convinced as well and are rushing to grab a piece of the world's biggest equity pie.

"Not being properly exposed to Japan is a risk," said Stephen Church, head of research at UBS Phillips and Drew International. "People have tended to be underweight — with disappointing results — and are not prepared to continue to take that risk," he said.

**Too fast**  
For years, many foreign analysts said Japan's market had moved too far too fast. They argued that with the average ratio of prices to earnings many times that of other leading world markets, Japan was due for a fall.

However, for about seven years the Tokyo bull has charged on and still local investors seem to have no fear of the distances being covered.

The market is going higher faster than any other major world stock market, but investors, believe the gains are basically grounded in economic fundamentals — particularly Japan's strong economy and its huge amounts of cash.

The careful monitoring of the Tokyo market by government agencies and the huge clout of a few major securities houses also give investors a sense of security.

Japan quickly recovered from the 1987 October stock market crash, outpacing its major counterparts, and now accounts for 45 per cent of world equity capitalisation. The United States holds 33 per cent and Britain, nine per cent.

Last year foreigners overcame their initial reluctance and bought more Japanese shares

**Khorafi returns**

KUWAIT, Feb. 8. (KUNA): Finance Minister Jassem Mohammed Al Khorafi and the delegation accompanying him returned here today from Riyadh.

The minister attended the 21st meeting for the Financial and Economic Co-operation Committee of the Gulf Co-operation Council which was held in Riyadh today.

than they sold for the first time in five years. The trend continued last month when foreigners were record net buyers.

"There is a lot of foreign buying and a lot more focus on what foreigners are doing," said Ross Rowbury, a broker at Sanyo Securities. "This has put a lot of confidence in the market again."

Some analysts said that as the Tokyo bull enters its eighth year, its pace may slow a bit, although economic and corporate profit growth will continue strong.

**Environment**  
Kunio Misaki, a senior analyst at Nikko Securities, predicts the main Nikkei share index will rise by 20 per cent in 1989 against 40 per cent last year.

The Nikkei should reach 33,000 by the end of March and peak at 36,000 or 37,000 sometime this year, he said. It closed at a record 32,065.12 today, its first finish above 32,000.

"The only thing that would hurt the market would be if the low or stable interest rate environment would disappear," said Craig Chudler, a market strategist at Smith New Court. "But I do not see that occurring here."

Low interest rates have been a

major force behind Japan's stock surge. They make shares more attractive relative to interest-denominated instruments like bonds, and also are considered more favourable for business growth and profits.

There are those who are still cautious, seeing the possibility of a strong dollar and inflation — leading to higher interest rates — as the main threats.

"The dollar could continue to go up since the US economy is still strong. There is a feeling that the US will have to tighten monetary policy, but we don't know when," said Yasushi Sakamoto, a fund manager at the Toyo Trust and Banking Company.

**Bullish**  
However, brokers said bullish Japan economic fundamentals point to a strong yen in the longer term, and too high a dollar would not be good for the United States as exports would be more expensive, they said.

A good sign is that the members of the Group of Seven industrial democracies said last week they would continue to co-ordinate exchange-rate policies, and intervened heavily on Monday to stem a dollar rise. Brokers were relieved that it kept the dollar under 130 yen, safe for the market.

## Thatcher will raise EEC fraud at summit

LONDON, Feb. 8. (Reuters): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher expressed deep concern yesterday at the level of fraud in the European Economic Community and said she will raise the subject at the next EEC summit.

Answering a question in Parliament about reports of widespread abuses, Thatcher said: "The extent of fraud in the use of European Economic Community funds is a matter of very great concern."

Thatcher said she planned to raise the matter at the next EEC summit in Madrid, adding: "The remedies are in national hands, but we believe the rules applied by the community must be tightened up."

Government sources estimated EEC fraud at about £6 billion (\$10 billion) a year and said the British cabinet had discussed the issue last week.

**Proceeds**

The sources described as "substantively correct" a report in the Times newspaper which said Thatcher was concerned that proceeds from fraud might be going to the Mafia in Italy and the Irish Republican Army fighting British rule in Northern Ireland.

Most frauds involve export swindles and agricultural subsidy fiddles.

The sources said one area of concern was the movement of livestock across the border between the Irish Republic and Northern Ireland.

They said Thatcher would urge all EEC members to crack down on fraud at the Madrid summit in June, particularly as that meeting will be concerned mainly with monetary issues.

## ABC returns to profit

BAHRAIN, Feb. 8. (Reuters): Bahrain's biggest offshore bank, Arab Banking Corporation (ABC), said today it made a net profit of \$124 million in 1988 despite further provisions for Third World debt.

President and chief executive Abdullah Saudi told reporters the bank's operating profit rose by 27 per cent during the year to record \$239 million.

He said the bank's board of directors would recommend a dividend of five per cent — or \$37.5 million — to its shareholders, the Kuwait Finance Ministry, the Libyan Treasury and Abu Dhabi Investment Authority.

ABC declared a \$217 million loss for 1987 after adding \$375 million to loan loss provisions. The bank set aside an additional \$79 million for 1988, boosting its cover to seven per cent of total loan exposure.

ABC says its Latin American debt is \$1.4 billion most owed by Brazil.

Saudi said the bank was studying plans for a public share flotation in Arab markets.

"We are considering privatisation but if we do, it will be in Arab markets," he said.

"We have accepted the idea in principle but plans are not finalised," he added. He gave no further details.

Total shareholders funds rose by eight per cent to \$1.14 billion at end-1988 from 1.06 billion at end-1987.

Total assets jumped by nine per cent to \$19.13 billion while deposits rose to \$15.9 billion from 14.3. Loans increased 12 per cent during the year to \$8.2 billion.

## Bush puts final touches on budget

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. (Reuters): President Bush, in a meeting with his economic advisers, put the final touches on his budget package yesterday and then travelled to Congress to start selling the package to congressional leaders.

"When I said to your leaders on several occasions that I would like to ... do some serious negotiating, I really mean it," Bush told Senate Democrats about the 1990 financial year budget blueprint he plans to unveil in an address to Congress tomorrow night.

**Approach**  
"We've got to approach the deficit problem in that fashion. Nobody's going to do it exactly your way, and I know very well nobody's going to do it exactly mine," he added.

Bush, who has repeatedly stressed his desire to work with Congress in a bipartisan manner, thanked the lawmakers for a warm early response to his proposals for shoring up the financially troubled savings bank industry.

"I appreciate the generosity of spirit that has accompanied these last few weeks. And I think it really has been bipartisan, and I think there's been a genuine spirit that the American people

understand," he said. In a separate talk to senators of his own Republican Party, Bush said he expected a little less harmony after he unveils his budget proposals. "I'm under no illusions that it's going to keep everybody happy," he said.

Earlier, White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater told reporters that the President had put the final touches on his spending plan in a morning meeting with his economic advisers.

"All of the major decisions of the budget have been made — essentially it's done," White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater told reporters.

**Refused**  
He refused to outline specific proposals, but a variety of administration sources have said the spending plan — a package of about 100 pages that will be formally offered as revisions to the budget proposed by former President Ronald Reagan last month — will include a bit more spending for the environment, education, and child care.

Fitzwater stressed the financial constraints under which Bush was operating and said any new programmes would be modest.

"It is a time of tight budgets ... the new initiatives won't have a

lot of money. They do represent a first step we would like to take," he told reporters.

Administration sources also say Bush will ask for a reduction in the capital gains tax on investment profits and is almost certain to seek less money for defence than Reagan.

But one senior White House aide said the budget would not be radically different from the one proposed by Reagan.

**Reflect**  
"It will reflect President Bush's priorities," the aide said privately. "But we shouldn't expect a radical turn."

Bush made a goodwill visit to Congress yesterday afternoon to renew his bid for bipartisan cooperation on the budget in talks with both Democratic and Republican members of Congress.

"He will reiterate his willingness to work with them and the fact that this is a negotiating process," Fitzwater said. "In addition, cuts have to be made. He wants to work with Congress in deciding where to make them and how deep they will be."

The White House voiced pleasure with the initial response to Bush's proposal to shore up the financially-troubled savings and loan industry.

Fitzwater characterised the reaction from banking and thrift industry spokesmen as very reasonable and said that "congressional reaction has been very good as well."

**Proposed**

At a news conference on Monday, Bush proposed the sale of \$50 billion in government bonds to protect deposits at insolvent thrift institutions, raising deposit insurance premiums paid by banks and thrifts, and tightening federal regulation of the thrift industry.

Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady said yesterday the key element of the plan was new limits on how savings and loans could invest their funds. That represents a step back from the deregulation of the Reagan administration that allowed thrifts to move into more speculative investments.

"The heart of President Bush's plan is reform. There are going to be no more windmill farms. There are going to be no more herds of prize cattle," Brady told a TV interviewer in discussing some investments he thought were inappropriate.

"The essence of his plan is to correct the practices that we've had in industry that don't make sense," he said.

## Kuwait dinar deposit rates mostly steady

KUWAIT, Feb. 8. (Reuters): Kuwait dinar deposit rates were mostly steady today with the short rates slightly firmer after a KD100 million issue of three-month treasury bills.

The bills, 39th issue of bills and bonds since Kuwait launched a public borrowing scheme in 1987, were allotted at a record average discount yield of 7.95 per cent.

**Funds**

Trading was quiet. Dealers said overnight dealt at 7-3/4 and eight per cent from seven per cent yesterday. Tomorrow's next deal at eight per cent and was quoted along with spot-next at eight, seven per cent, about 1/2 point above yesterday's levels.

One-week funds were put at 8-1/2, 7-1/2 per cent and the one through three-month maturities virtually unchanged from yesterday at 8-1/8, 7-7/8 per cent.

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**Share prices**  
SINGAPORE: Share prices rose over a broad front on buying interest and bargain hunting in moderate trading. The Straits Times industrial index rose 8.37 points to 1,151.80.

**Bombay**  
BOMBAY: Share prices drifted lower in poor trading for the second successive day as marketmen kept to the sidelines to await fresh developments. Tata Steel fell 11.25 rupees to 1,230.

**Zurich**  
ZURICH: Swiss shares closed higher and turnover was substantially above the levels of the last few days. The All-Share index added 7.9 points to close at 970.2.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Feb. 8. (Reuters): The Australian share market ended up despite thin trading and fresh interest rate worries. The All Ordinaries index closed 0.0 points ahead at 1501.

TOKYO: Share prices hit their fourth straight record close in response to New York's new post-crash highs yesterday and a stable dollar since the Group of Seven industrial nations meeting last week. The Nikkei index rose 184.47 points to close at



Governor of the Central Bank of Kuwait, Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah received at his office yesterday, first deputy chairman of the Soviet Bank for Foreign Economic Affairs, Victor Geraschenko on the occasion of his visit to the country, according to KUNA. Geraschenko handed Sheikh Salem a message from the Soviet bank's president, the content of which was not disclosed.

## Saudi oil refinery to open soon on west coast

ABU DHABI, Feb. 8. (Reuters): A new Saudi Arabian oil refinery will soon start operating on the kingdom's west coast at Rabigh after a delay of several years, Gulf oil industry sources reported today.

They also said Iraq's oil terminal at the end of its second pipeline through Saudi Arabia (Ipsa-2) to a new terminal at Yanbu on the west coast was completed. It will eventually boost Baghdad's export capacity by nearly 50 per cent.

"Rabigh refinery will be commissioned sometime next month but it will leave the Saudis with a huge amount of heavy fuel oil to get rid of," one source said.

**Joint venture**

On the Red Sea coast north of Jeddah, Rabigh is a 50-50 joint venture between Saudi Arabia and the Greek oil company Petrolina to refine for export. Commissioning was originally planned for 1986.

But building hitches and an adverse oil market delayed the project.

Saudi Arabia has two other export refineries, joint ventures

with Mobil at Yanbu and with Shell at Jubail on its east coast. Both of those plants have capacity of 250,000 BPD capacity each.

**Capacity**

The sources said if Rabigh operated at full capacity it would produce 156,000 BPD of fuel oil, 47,000 BPD of diesel oil, 36,000 BPD of kerosene and 75,000 BPD of naphtha, the base for gasoline.

A yield of some 48 per cent of fuel oil rather than valuable gasoline and kerosene might prove hard to sell, they added.

"The Saudis are planning to run the refinery at a third of its capacity. Even at that level they would be stuck with some fuel oil," one source said.

Saudi Arabia last month checked with some US refiners on the chances of their reprocessing 22 million barrels of heavy fuel oil annually into lighter products, sources reported.

"That amount corresponds to the level the Saudis plan to run Rabigh," a source said.

Marketing Rabigh's products

will be a major headache for the newly-established Saudi Arabian Refining and Marketing Company (SAMARIC), based in Red Sea port of Jeddah, the sources said.

The sources also reported that an Iraqi oil loading terminal at the Gulf end of its 970-km (600-mile) Ipsa-2 pipeline to Yanbu was recently finished and management teams had moved in. The pipeline, when it starts

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## Dear Junior Readers,

The British council is currently holding an exhibition on children's books of the year 1988. It will last until Thursday, Feb 16, 1989.

The programme includes cartoons on Feb 15, at 6 pm and an hourly story telling session from Feb 9 to 16 at 9.30 am for children aged 7 to 10, and at 11.00 am for those aged 3 to 6.

If you have not yet been to the exhibition, it may be a good idea to do so. Don't restrict yourself to an hour before closing time either, as when you are in a world of wonderful books, time flies faster than you can imagine.

Manol

## Brain tickers

Put letters instead of the crosses to answer the given clues.

1. X A X A L V X H X L X E X ... Something to wear.
2. X A X T I X G X A X I X D X ... A song.
3. X O X T X A X T X A X N X E X ... An artist.
4. X R X P X F X U X T X U X C X ... A drink.
5. X R X S X E X S X P X O X T X ... Something to eat.
6. X A X R X N X E X L X V X E X ... An actor.
7. X I X V X R X E X A X L X S X ... A runner-up.
8. X L X P X A X J X N X T X O X ... Accommodation.
9. X A X S X Y X A X D X N X L X ... A prime minister.
10. X N X H X N X T X O X L X P X ... An author.
11. X L X P X A X J X N X T X O X ... A London station.
12. X U X D X Y X E X S X A X E X ... Something to read.

Rearrange the letters of each phrase to form the name of a 'job' or 'occupation'.

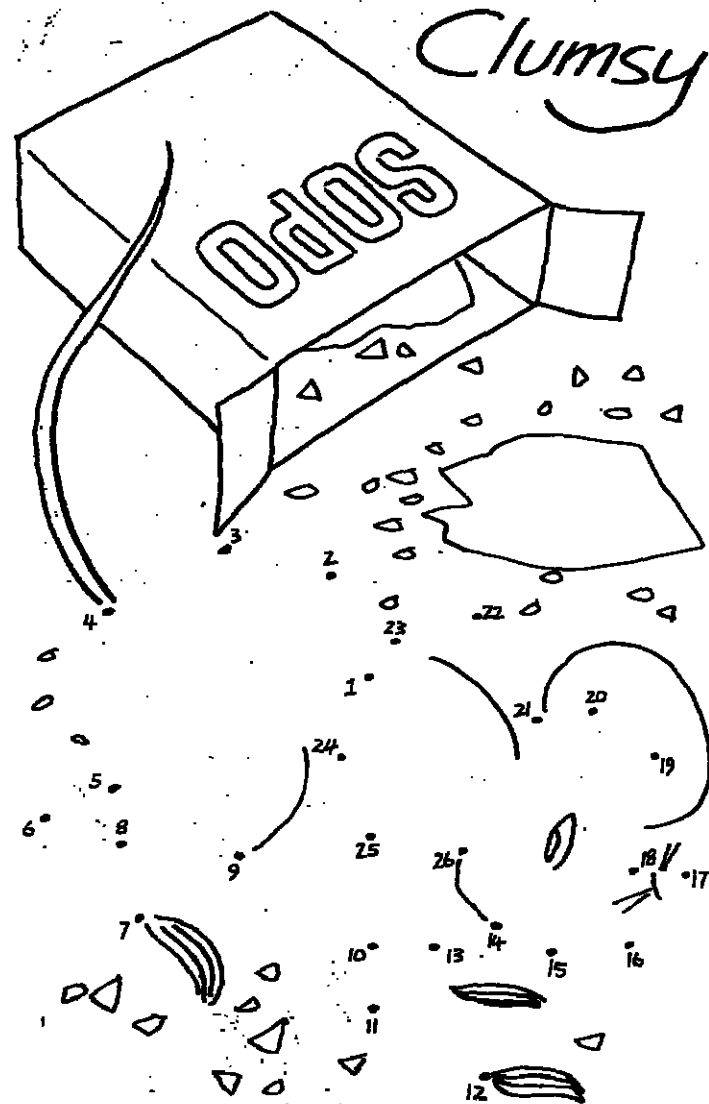
1. AIMS UNDER
2. AMY PRATES
3. IRON STATE
4. IS NOT HAIR
5. MAD ARTIST
6. MASTER DAN
7. NOT PRICES
8. RED SPINES
9. RING A DATE
10. SAIL STORE
11. SECRET RAY
12. SHAKE ROME

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In each case, put two letters in front of those given, and the same two letters, reversed, behind those given, and so form an 8-letter word.

Solution on Tuesday

## Dot-to-dot



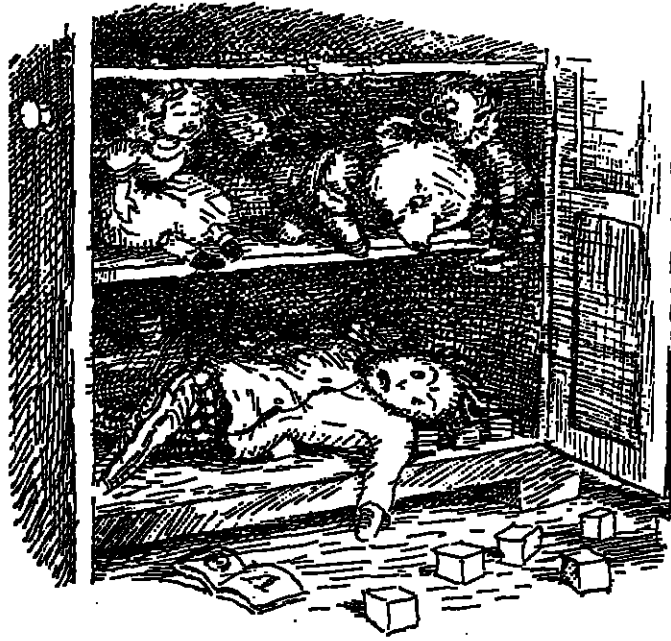
Continued from Tuesday

"I hear a Prince is coming this year," the Rabbit said. "Prince Rupert of Kleptomania." (He meant Mesopotamia, of course.)

"Really!" The Fairy Doll opened her surprised blue eyes very wide. They she added: "I knew that already, Jennifer told me when..."

"You're a stuck-up Ninny," shouted Cross-doll again. But nobody took the slightest notice of him. They chatted on about parties, the children they had known, and the places they had been to, until at last, one by one, they fell asleep.

All but Cross-doll, that is. He lay uncomfortably amongst the bricks, thinking how nasty and how unfair life was. He had never been anywhere. Not out of the nursery even. He had never had any fine clothes that took on and off; he had never been beautiful; he had never belonged to anyone, or not for very long. No one ever wanted to play with him, and worst of all, he didn't even have a proper name. He twisted and turned on the bricks, and frowned and sighed, and looked crosser than ever. But finally,



## Cross-doll

ally he, too, fell asleep.

The day of the party came at last. The nursery was tidied up, a big bunch of balloons hung from the ceiling. In the afternoon the children came to choose which toys they wanted to take downstairs with them for the party.

"I want Fairy Doll," Jennifer said at once. She looked almost like a fairy herself, in her white frilly dress and silver slippers. "Let's take the Rabbit and the Teddy Bears," the little boys cried.

"I'll have the clockwork train and the box of soldiers," the eldest boy said. "Wan' my Humpy-dumpy-Man," gabbled the baby.

And do you know, being such a large family, between them, they carried nearly all the toys downstairs.

Nearly. You know who was left behind. A pile of bricks, an old engine with cracked wheels, and of course, Cross-doll. The engine didn't mind because he was too old to play boisterous games, and just wanted to be left in

peace. The bricks didn't mind, because bricks are generally too stupid to mind anything. But Cross-doll minded a lot.

The children had left the door ajar, and from below floated up the sounds of the party beginning. The door-bell ringing, and front door opening and shutting, music, children laughing and talking, and running up and down the stairs. Cross-doll felt crosser than ever; he was missing it all. Then the nursery door was closed and he couldn't hear so well. But he knew that by now the children must be in the big ballroom, playing their games, dancing or perhaps watching another Punch and Judy show.

He had once been in the ballroom when he had first come to the house. He had been brought by Uncle Herbert on Christmas Eve, after the children were in bed. He remembered it as if it were yesterday. The huge room with its shining floor and glittering lights hanging from the ceiling, and the Christmas tree glistening and sparkling with silver and golden and coloured decorations. Uncle Herbert had wanted to put him on the tree there and then. But the children's mother had said: "Oh, no, Herbert. He must be wrapped first." But there were so many presents that year that there was no room on the tree for Cross-doll; and he had sat at the bottom instead, wrapped in crimson tissue-paper. He remembered Jennifer's face when she opened the parcel. All joy and smiles. He was the first big doll she had ever had.

Cross-doll always felt better when he remembered this part of his life, so he thought about it a lot. He was going over it again

for the third time, when he heard the nursery door opened, and somebody stole into the room quietly. Oh! so quietly. Cross-doll listened and wonder who it was. You could hardly hear anything, but he knew someone was walking around the room on tiptoe, examining everything. Then, very slowly, the cupboard door opened, and a small pale face peeped in.

"Not one of our children," Cross-doll thought. "He's got red hair. Must be a visitor." He frowned at the boy — for it was a boy — expecting him to shut the door again. But he didn't. He looked at Cross-doll and smiled. Cross-doll frowned even harder. He had forgotten how to do anything else, you see. The boy smiled again, put out a hand and touched his face.

"Come and talk to me," he whispered, lifting him out. "You look a nice quiet sort of person," Cross-doll was very surprised. But there was more to come.

"It's too noisy downstairs," the little boy continued, "and I don't like crackers, or balloons that burst."

Cross-doll didn't like these things either, so he stopped frowning and began to smile instead, just a little, at the very corners of his mouth.

"Let's play up here, shall we?" the little boy said, holding him on his knee. "I tell you what. I will build you a castle all your own. You can sit by the window and watch. When it is finished you shall be king of it."

So that's what they did. The boy built a high brick castle, with a special place at the top to sit in; and when it was finished, Cross-doll sat in it and was king. They played this game and other wonderful games for a long time. When it began to get dark, the boy turned on the light and told him stories. Cross-doll had never felt so



happy.

"I like you," the little boy said. "I like your face, and you bend so well. What's your name?" But Cross-doll wouldn't tell him, because he thought that if he knew, the boy wouldn't stay with him.

It was long after six o'clock when the boy's mother came into the room.

"So this is where you are, Rupert." She sounded surprised. "All by yourself in here! Put the toys away now, we must go home."

"I don't want to put this one away," said Rupert. "I like him."

"Oh, yes. We must leave him..." his mother was beginning, when Jennifer, who had followed her in, interrupted.

"Oh! We don't want Cross-doll. You can take him — nobody plays with him any more here."

"Well, if you are quite sure," Rupert's mother said, and Rupert hugged Cross-doll.

So Cross-doll went home with Rupert, Prince Rupert that is. You can imagine what the other toys said when they heard about it.

"I can't think what he saw in Cross-doll," the Teddy Bears said that night. "He must be a very peculiar child, that prince whatever's he's called," the Fairy Doll said with a sniff. "Fancy wanting that poor broken old thing when he had all of us to choose from."

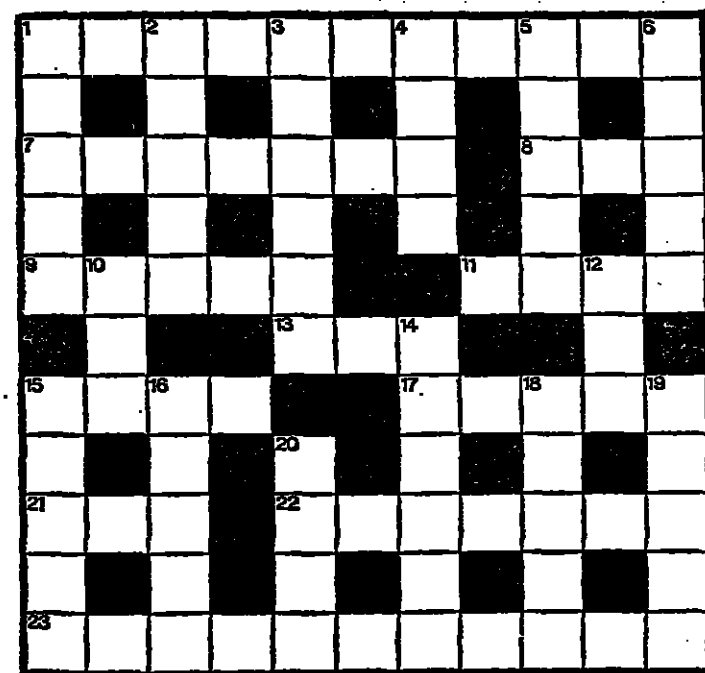
But Cross-doll didn't

mind any more what those dolls said about him. He was happy. His nose was sewn back again, and his eyes mended. His hair was washed, and a little more suited. He even had a new suit of clothes, although he didn't wear them much, as he felt more at home in the old ones. He was Prince Rupert's dearest friend. They were never apart. They had their meals together, they slept in the same bed, they even did their lessons together. And when Prince Rupert grew up and became king, and Cross-doll was very old indeed, he sat on the great royal desk, between the inkwell and the large leather-bound diary, and watched what went on. All the people that came and went; all the meetings and the talks; all the kings and queens and the important men.

"What do you think of that, eh, Cross-doll?" the king would say sometimes, about nothing in particular, when he was signing letters. "That's interesting, don't you think?" And Cross-doll would frown and smile, and think to himself: "A lot more interesting than that old green cupboard. Yes, interesting, very interesting indeed."

Or sometimes the king would say with a smile: "We haven't thought of a name for you yet, have we?" And do you know they still haven't? Cross-doll is Cross-doll to this very day.

## Crossword



- Across
- 1 One who builds (11)
  - 7 Brolled on a night frame (7)
  - 8 The extreme point (3)
  - 9 Rear end of a ship (5)
  - 11 The next in line of succession (4)
  - 13 Small measure of spirits (3)
  - 15 Male bird (4)
  - 17 Old-fashioned, circular toys (5)
  - 21 The edge of a cup or glass (3)
  - 22 Complete frankness (7)
  - 23 Lacking the necessary ability (11)
- Down
- 1 Places of confinement (5)
  - 2 Sound unpleasant to the ear (5)
  - 3 A natural aptitude (6)
  - 4 Disappoints a catch (4)
  - 5 Tax levied by the church (5)
  - 6 Of more mature age (5)
  - 10 A pair or brace (3)
  - 12 One of the junior devils (3)
  - 14 From that place (5)
  - 15 Welsh breed of dog (5)
  - 16 Of an amusing character (5)
  - 18 Health-giving air (5)
  - 19 Small fish of herring family (5)
  - 20 Dirt floating on the surface (4)

Solution on Tuesday

## Ha! Ha!

What children live in the ocean? ... Buoy.

"What is the meaning of 'fear'?"  
"I don't know — I am too afraid to ask."

SHE: I have music in my feet.  
HE: Yes, two flats.

Did you hear about the man who wanted to get his typewriter fixed because the 'O' was upside down?

## Paper-bag plays

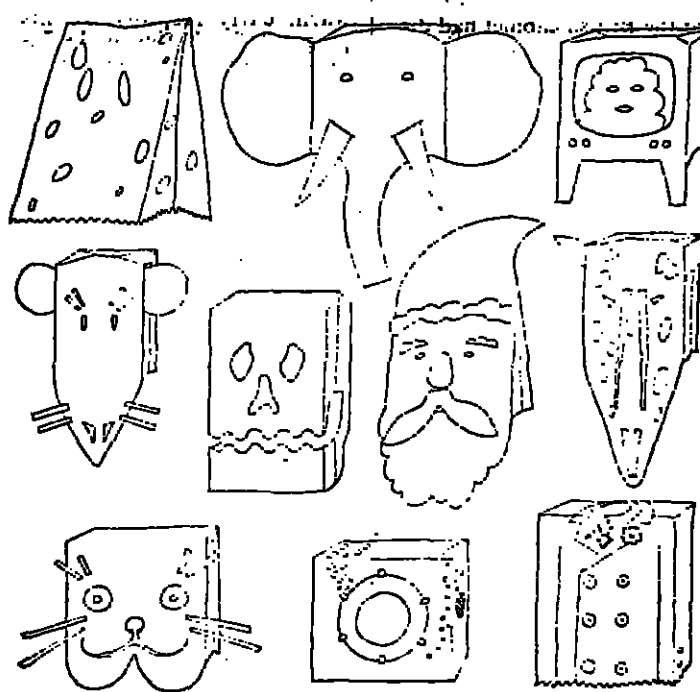
DURING the weekend, after you finish your homework, here is something to keep you busy.

You'll need a supply of those big brown paper bags that dry cleaners or supermarkets use — they must be large enough to fit over someone's head and sit on his shoulders. (Otherwise you could always make up your own paper bags using brown paper and sticky tape for the purpose). Each person becomes a character in the play, goes off with his paper bag and makes himself a suitable head and face out of it. You put the bag over your head, feel cautiously where your eyes are, and mark the places with chalk. You then mark your nose and mouth in the same way. Take the bag

off, make a small hole for each eye, a slit for your mouth, and a hole to breathe through.

Then turn it into a face — paint on the kind of eyes you would really like to have, a huge mouth, a tiny nose or whatever, or, if you are a character of some importance in the play, you will probably need a moustache, or a special face to go with it. Make paper-bag hair either by glueing on curls made from strips of paper wound round a pencil or thick hanks of wool, or simply draw hair on the bag and paint it some suitable colour.

There could be paper-bag animals too, of course, and for these you may want to push and bend the bag around a bit to make ears, for instance. The plays you act



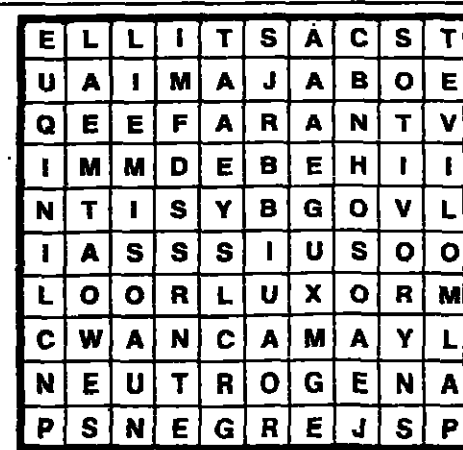
can be as crazy or as serious as you like — I've found that folk tales like those rather

horrific ones by the Brothers Grimm go down very well in paper-bag plays.

Word search  
FOR WASHING

BABY'S OWN  
CAMAY  
CARESS  
CASTLE  
CLINIQUE  
DIAL  
IVORY  
JERGEN'S

LIFESUOY  
LUX  
MAIA  
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PALMOLIVE  
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SUNLIGHT  
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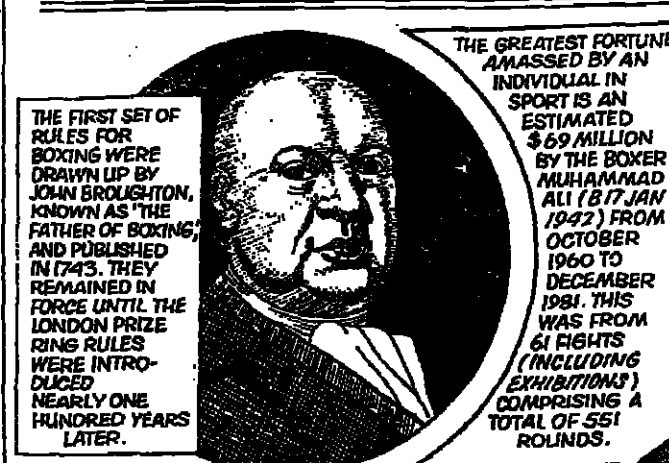


Clue: Ocean plant (3, 4 letters)



Shaun Benjamin recently celebrated his christening, best wishes from mum, dad, aunty Rosy and Eay.

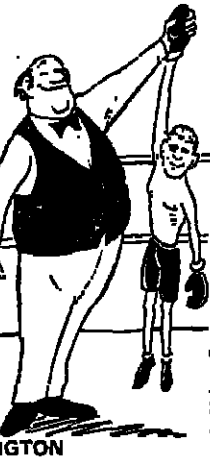
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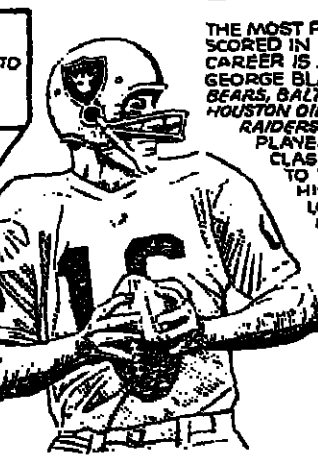
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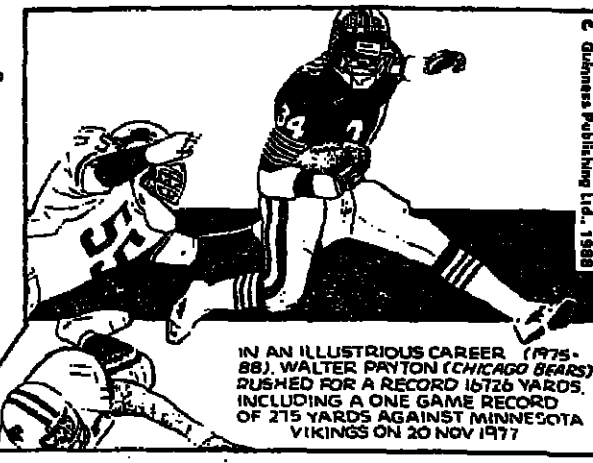
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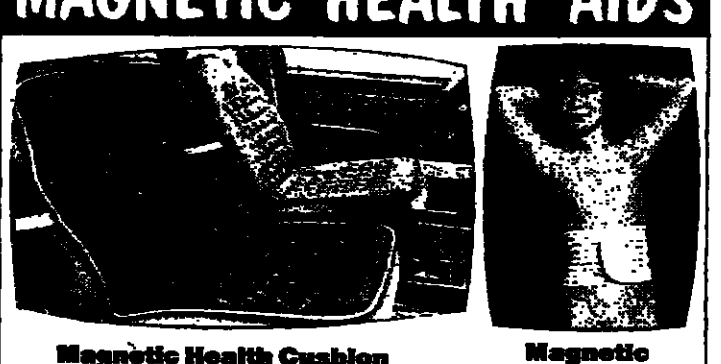
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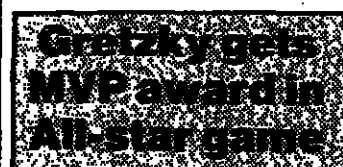
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Gretzky nets MVP award in All-star game

EDMONTON, Alberta, Feb. 8. (Reuters) Wayne Gretzky's goal and two assists in the National Hockey League's 40th All-star game marked his triumphant return to the Northlands coliseum and earned him the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award.

The 14 goals scored at the Clarence Campbell Stars defeated the Wales Conference Stars 9-5 last night setting an All-star record, and broke a string of four consecutive Wales victories.

It also gave Campbell coach Glen Sather his first All-star triumph in five games.

Billed as a battle between the Pittsburgh Penguins' Mario Lemieux and Gretzky, the game was an all-out offensive show with Lemieux getting only one assist.

For the Campbell Conference, Calgary right wing Joe Mullen started with two goals and an assist. His brother Brian Mullen, of the New York Rangers, opposed him for the Wales Conference and had one assist.

Each team scored twice in the first period with Gretzky passing to his longtime Edmonton linemate Jari Kurri just one minute and seven seconds after the start of the game.

Gretzky then made it 2-0 for the Campbells at 4:33 taking a pass in front of the net from Los Angeles defenceman Steve Duchesne. Before the first period ended the Wales had tied the score on a powerplay goal by Boston's Cam Neely and an even-strength goal by Quebec's Walter Poddubny.

In the second period the Campbells blew the game open with three goals to one for the Wales, with Joe Mullen, Steve Yzerman and Gary Leeman all scoring and Glen Wesley scoring for the Wales.

In the third period Poddubny got his second goal for the Wales and Joe Mullen his second for the Campbells in the first six minutes and 53 seconds.

Washington's Mike Ridley reduced the Wales margin to 6-5 at 9:35 but the Campbells answered with three consecutive goals by Luc Robitaille, Jimmy Carson and Mark Messier to make the final 9-5 margin.

## Tehran rally set for Feb 17

NICOSIA, Feb. 8. (Reuters) Up to 240 drivers will compete in the Tehran Rally on Feb 17, the first to be held in Iran in five years, an organiser said yesterday.

An official of the Touring and Automobile Club of the Islamic Republic of Iran, contacted by telephone, said the rally will be held over 300 km (190 miles) in the capital and nearby mountains.

Three return air tickets to Paris are among prizes in the event which is sponsored by Air France, a travel agency and an Iranian chemical company, he said.

The official said 250 drivers including a small number of foreigners competed in the last rally in 1984.

He said he expected 240 drivers, the maximum allowed to race this year, would sign up for the rally. Few foreign entrants are expected.

## Quaid-e-Azam Trophy

KUFC meet Starlite in the semifinals of the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy cricket tournament at the Sabah Al Salem (NC) ground tomorrow. The match starts at 9.00 am. The second semifinal between Evergreen and Siddique starts at 1.10 pm.

## Bruno looks unimpressive after weekend off

FOUNTAIN HILLS, Ariz., Feb. 8. (Reuters) Maybe it was the ghost of old-time trainers haunting him, but Frank Bruno looked very slow and awkward yesterday following a weekend off with a woman he described as "my lady".

For years it has been a boxing axiom — especially among veteran trainers — that for a fighter to stay mentally sharp and tough he must be celibate while in training camp.

But in recent years some trainers have looked the other way, to the consternation of boxing old timers, when their fighters arrange liaisons.

## Lonely

Bruno, 27, has been training in this planned community about 25 miles (40 km) from Phoenix since the beginning of January for his February 25 fight with world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson in Las Vegas and he says he was lonely.

The subject even came up when Bruno, 32-2, was a guest on Johnny Carson's television show earlier this week.

Carson asked Bruno about the attention he had been receiving, especially from women. The Briton joked that he had to pretend to have headaches when

ABBAS AL MOUSAWI ONLY CONTENDER FOR GROUP N POINTS

# Disappointing turn-out for Qatar Rally

By Gail Seery in Doha

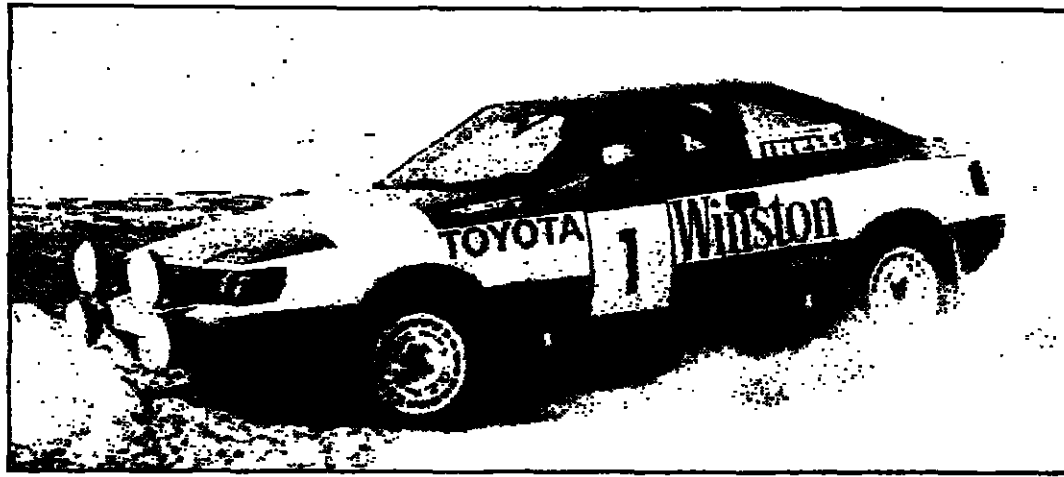
ONLY twenty-two drivers have entered the Qatar Rally, which starts at 1.00 pm today. Of these, five teams are non-Qatari, and only five Group A cars are participating. Abbas Al Mousawi is the only challenger for points in the Group N championship.

Last year's winner Mohammed Bin Sulayem will be first off the ramp, in his new Toyota Celica GT 4x4. This rally will also be his first outing with his new sponsors Winston, and he will be driving without the aid of his usual co-driver Ronan Morgan, who has conflicting commitments in Europe. Instead, Sulayem's old navigator Hassan Ali Bin Shahdour will return to his side for this event.

Like Sulayem, Al Hajri now makes his real debut in the Ford Sierra Cosworth, decked in Rothmans colours. He drove the Ford into second place in last year's Lebanon rally — a predominantly tarmac event, but this is the car's first test in Middle East off-road rallying.

**Predicted**  
Third seed was Michel Saleh, but he did not arrive in Qatar in time for the event — nor had he registered any particular car, and his non-attendance was confidently predicted days before the rally.

Abbas Al Mousawi will start the rally fourth, partnered by Tadhg O'Reilly, in a new Mitsubishi Galant 4wd. As he is the



Bin Sulayem practicing for the Qatar Rally.

only contender for Group N points, his first task will be to finish the rally, particularly as team manager Mike Oty considers this as primarily a test run for the car.

Just to complicate matters, the car is a right-hand drive model, like the Starion which Lassi Lampi drove in the Middle East Championship in 1987. Mousawi had little opportunity to practice in the car, and up until scrutineering had driven in for only 15 minutes practice — during the Dubai Rally preparation last year. "We still don't know the car and we are mainly aiming at a finish. We expect to move to a Group A car half way through the season," explained Mousawi.

"Saeed and Mohammed both have new cars as well, and we don't know how they will perform. I want to be close behind them so that I can benefit if they have any problems." Mousawi had long been tipped as a fast driver, but like many others he never had the chance to compete against the works teams. "My fortunes changed when I got the works drive in the Mitsubishi Pajero."

Al Mousawi, driving on home territory is highly critical of the 417 km of special stages included in this event. "They are a complete mistake," he said. "They are far too rough. They graded the stages to make them better, but only succeeded in making them worse. They were supposed to make the stages easier on Group A cars, but if anything they are twice as rough as last year's stages." Mousawi considers that this is at least part of the reason for the low number of entries, and that the other is that

the drivers are not really ready for Group A. Kuwait drivers have long been wary of coming to Qatar because of the heavy wear and tear on cars and tyres.

It was bearing in mind the roughness of the rally that the Rothmans Ford team brought their car to Qatar early. They brought an experimental car, as well as the practice car and the rally car. In practice, according to David Sutton, the car covered the equivalent of "6 Qatar rallies," and despite the Sierra Cosworth's lack of results in this type of event, "we feel that this Group A car is capable of winning the championship."

"We arrived nearly three weeks ago to answer this question," explained Sutton. "Ford sent a senior engineer to help our own engineer and mechanics. We have not had to change the

engine, or the gear box or the rear axle, and we are experimenting with the suspension and the drive shafts." He added that the decision to move to Ford had not been taken lightly, and that it was expected that the team would move to the 4wd Ford Sierra Cosworth next season.

"I don't know how well this car will compare with Mohammed's Toyota," said Al Hajri. "The Toyota is a very good car, but we will do our best to beat it." Steve Bond, Al Hajri's navigator added, "actually the car is better than I'd hoped for. Its handling on rough gravel roads is very good, and I'm very confident after seeing the way the car has performed."

"I like the handling on this car, and in many ways it's like the Group B cars, very fast, very strong. We will push all the way and expect no problems," continued Al Hajri.

"We didn't have the luck we should have had last year," said David Sutton. "Let's hope that sort of luck doesn't follow us this year. If we could have Bin Sulayem's luck with Saeed's ability it should be a winning combination."

Like Hajri, Sulayem is to drive a completely new Group A car, but a major factor in his performance will be the fact that he is still in a good deal of pain from his neck injury. "It's getting better. I now have a removable neck support which I will wear in the rally." However the driver still cannot move his head from side to side. "I cannot express how

sick I am of this injury. For three months I have been like a prisoner. It's better now. In Dubai the car was driving me."

"The 4wd Celica is nice, we tested it and it's marvellous, very quick indeed."

Sulayem had flipped the Celica Turbo, his practice car in testing, leaving Sultan Al Sowaidi, who was expecting to drive the car in this rally, to return to his own Group 4 Celica. "It was not really so suitable as a practice car," said Sulayem, "but we won't have a proper practice car until Jordan."

## Traction

Sulayem is looking forward to driving the car in Kuwait. "At last we will be the ones to have the traction. However, it is not the power, but the reliability which is the key to a win in any rally. The ground is very hard here — we wear out a lot of tyres, and that means traction, which means speed."

"I'm looking forward to this year," said Sulayem. "I was five years driving the turbo, and it was time for a change. Every car has a limit. Being fast is not always the key. I think that to me, finishing is more important than winning, because my first priority is the Middle East championship."

"Saeed on the other hand has not won for a long time, so the pressure is on him. If he goes crazy to prove himself he won't finish. The championship is more important than any single rally — and that's the mark of a professional."

## Nets overwhelm Supersonics

# Portland outplay Dallas

NEW YORK, Feb. 8. (AP) Jerome Kersey scored a season-high 33 points and reserves Steve Johnson and Kiki Vandeweghe keyed a fourth-period rally to bring Portland from a 12-point deficit to a 134-125 victory over Dallas yesterday.

Portland trailed 104-92 after three periods but Johnson scored nine of his 14 points in the opening 6 1-2 minutes of the fourth quarter, including two consecutive rebound baskets that capped a 24-9 spur and gave Portland a 116-113 lead.

Rolando Blackman scored a season-high 37 points for Dallas, including 15 in the third period when the Mavericks outscored Portland 40-25 thanks to a 22-8 burst in the first six minutes. Derek Harper added 29 points for Dallas while Kevin Drexler won 27 and Clyde Drexler 23 for Portland.

In other National Basketball Association games, it was New

York 117, Washington 105; New Jersey 109, Seattle 99; Milwaukee 115, Cleveland 106; Chicago 118, Charlotte 93; Utah 96, Miami 77; and Sacramento 114, San Antonio 99.

**Knicks 117, Bulls 105**  
Patrick Ewing scored 12 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter and the New York Knicks used a 17-5 run in the final period to defeat the Washington Bulls 117-105 for their 17th consecutive home victory.

**Heat 108, Supersonics 95**  
Dennis Hopson scored 20 points, Buck Williams and Joe Barry Carroll each had 19 and Lester Conner had a triple-double with 13 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds as New Jersey snapped a three-game losing streak and defeated Seattle for the second time in a week.

**Bucks 115, Cavaliers 106**  
Terry Cummings scored 31 points and Ricky Pierce had 10 of his 24 in the fourth quarter as

Milwaukee rallied with a late 13-4 run for its fourth straight victory.

**Bulls 118, Hornets 93**  
Michael Jordan scored 14 of his 32 points in the final 7:03 of the third quarter. Jordan took control with Chicago ahead by nine. His 14 points included eight straight as the Bulls outscored Charlotte 21-10 the rest of the period to take an 89-69 lead into the fourth quarter.

**Jazz 96, Heat 77**  
Kent Malone scored 20 points and John Stockton added 20 to go with nine assists as Utah snapped a two-game losing streak.

**Kings 114, Spurs 99**  
Ricky Berry scored 23 points, including four 3-point baskets, as Sacramento snapped a six-game losing streak. Kenny Smith added 20, LaSalle Thompson 19 and Harold Pressley and Rodney McCray 17 each for Sacramento, with Thompson grabbing 15 rebounds and McCray 14.

## Canadian weightlifter admits using steroid-masking drug

MONTREAL, Feb. 8. (Reuters) Canadian weightlifter Denis Garon, mastermind of a scheme to beat a pre-Olympic dope test by injecting "clean" urine into teammates, admitted yesterday that he used drugs to mask his own steroid use.

Garon, testifying at an inquiry into the use of banned substances by Canadian amateur athletes, produced a small brown bottle he said contained masking drugs he obtained at a training camp in Czechoslovakia, where he was using anabolic steroids.

"I can give it to you. I don't want them anymore," Garon said as he passed the bottle to justice Charles Dubin, who is heading

the inquiry prompted by the Ben Johnson Olympic doping scandal. The disgraced Canadian sprinter was stripped of the 100 metres gold medal he won in Seoul after traces of an anabolic steroid were found in his urine.

Garon admitted taking the white capsules before a pre-Olympic drug test in Montreal last August and successfully hid his use of steroids.

Garon said that three of his teammates had also taken the masking drugs before the Montreal testing, but after inconclusive results they were forced to take an unexpected second test in Vancouver in early September, which they failed.

## New Pak win

NEW PAK thrashed Aftab Cricket Club by six wickets in a Golden Trophy cricket tournament match at the Blue Tower ground earlier this week.

New Pak opted to field after winning the toss and dismissed Aftab Cricket Club for only 95. Yousaf was the top scorer for Aftab with 32.

For New Pak, Hameed was the main wicket-taker with three scalps.

New Pak opened their innings through Tariq and Haleem but the former could not last long. At this moment Aslam took charge of the proceedings and hit 43 runs to steer his team towards victory. Sohail gave him valuable support with 15 runs. New Pak lost only four wickets.



## Salmiya crush Bombay Youth in friendly

SALMIYA Combined Eleven scored a six-wicket victory over Bombay Youth in a friendly match at the KUNA ground earlier this week.

Bombay Youth were put into bat after Salmiya won the toss. Bombay lost a wicket in the first over. Waheed with 43 runs put up some resistance but Bombay still could only manage to score 128 runs in their 25 overs.

For Salmiya, skipper Hasib Khan took four wickets for 21 runs. Sohail, Phillip, Saleem, Akhter and Noel took one wicket each.

## Tried

Salmiya opened their innings through Saleem and Akhter but the latter was out after scoring only two runs.

Masood scored 18 and Sadaqat hit 24 as they tried to put Salmiya back in the game. Saleem kept on batting steadily and remained unbeaten on 48 as Salmiya went past the victory target in the 17th over.

## Gulf Group rout Lions

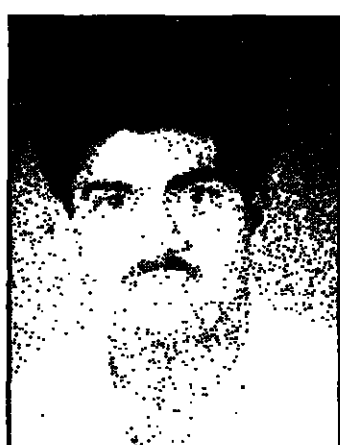
GULF GROUP crushed Lions Cricket Club by 52 runs in a Lions Trophy cricket tournament match at the Yarmouk ground earlier this week.

Gulf Group, batting first, scored 152 for the loss of eight wickets in the 25 allotted overs. Salim Parkar was in brilliant form, hitting 52. Sharif gave him good support with 30 while Jalil chipped in with 22.

**Look**  
For Lions, Salim and Shuja took two wickets each while Melvin, Farouk, Maqbool and Ashraf Ali took one each.

Lions batsmen could not face the Gulf Group bowlers. Lions kept losing wickets at regular intervals and the whole side was out for 100 runs.

Salim was the top scorer with an unbeaten 22. Asad and Ashraf Ali with 11 each were the only



Salim Parkar: 52 runs

other batsmen to reach the double figures.

For Gulf Group, Sharif took three wickets while Mohammed Ali and Mustaqe took two each.

## Svet takes slalom gold

BEAVER CREEK, Colorado, Feb. 8. (AP) Yugoslavia's Mateja Svet overcame a small first-run deficit and captured the gold medal in women's slalom yesterday at the World Alpine Ski Championships.

Svet, just four-hundredths of a second behind American Tamara McKinney after the first run, was considerably faster than McKinney on the second run.

Svet finished with a combined time of 1 minute, 30.88 seconds, holding off Swiss ace Vreni Schneider, who had a blistering second run to move from eighth to second place at 1:31.49.

## Proved

McKinney, gold medalist in the combined last week, settled for the bronze in the slalom at 1:31.56.

Unofficially, Blanca Fernandez-Ochoa of Spain was fourth in 1:31.75, and Ingrid Salvenmoser of Austria took fifth in 1:32.57.

Svet, silver medalist behind Schneider in the 1988 Olympic

slalom, had built what proved to be an insurmountable lead over Schneider in the opening heat.

McKinney, taking advantage of a first-run course set by US coach Martin Rufenner, led the way at 43.98 seconds. Svet was clocked in 44.02. The heavily favoured Schneider, who has won all five slaloms on the World Cup circuit this season, finished a disappointing eighth, 1.47 seconds off McKinney's lead.

Schneider cracked a 46.04 in her second run — more than seven-tenths of a second faster than anyone else — on a course set by a Swedish coach.

Svet, 20, had a mistake-free run of 46.86 to stay in front, and when McKinney could manage no better than 47.58, Svet got the gold.

It was her fourth medal in world championship competition. She won three medals — one silver and two bronze — at the last world championships in 1987.

## Unity reach Al Mulla semifinals

UNITY qualified for the semifinals of the Al Mulla Mitsubishi hockey tournament by holding Flying Arrows to a draw in their Pool B match at the Ahmadi hockey grounds earlier this week.

Flying Arrows, needing a victory to reach the next round, went all out for the winner but found their opponents too strong for them.

In fact, Flying Arrows were lucky to salvage a draw as their goalkeeper Victor had to make a number of brilliant saves to stop the Unity players from scoring.

## Ahead

The last Pool A game was postponed. In the first round of the Champions Trophy, a below-strength Al Hilal squad beat Punjab in a tie-breaker. Al Hilal went ahead through Tariq but their joy was short-lived as Punjab soon got the equaliser through Amjad.

In the tie-breaker, Hilal scored three goals while Punjab could manage only one. Tomorrow Kuwait Independents (Black) meet Flying Arrows (Champions Trophy) while Hilal meet Cosmos (Punjab Shield).

## Deccan Blues beat Asiatic in Sabah Trophy

DECCAN BLUES Cricket Club reached the semifinals of the Sabah Trophy cricket tournament with a 33-run victory over Asiatic Cricket Club at the Safeway ground on Friday.

Deccan Blues lost two wickets for only 21 runs in three overs but Ejaz and Srinivas Rao stemmed the rot by taking the score to 57 in nine overs before the latter was dismissed for 22.

Ejaz hit six fours in his 40 but Deccan Blues collapsed to 116 for nine. Akhilesh scored 40 as Deccan Blues reached a respectable 148 in 23 overs.

## Opened

Ayub took four wickets for 23 runs. Asiatic opened their innings through Ghulab and Lucas who put 23 runs on the board for the first wicket but they lost two more quick wickets to be three for 31.

Asiatic kept losing wickets at regular interval and the whole team was out for 115. Mumtaz was the bowler who did the most damage with five for 16.

## Samaranch joins Nebiolo's party

ROME, Feb. 8. (Reuters) International Olympics chief Juan Antonio Samaranch yesterday joined an Italian Athletics Federation (FIDAL) party headed by Primo Nebiolo, who resigned as president after a series of damaging scandals.

The 65-year-old chose the day his resignation took effect to host FIDAL's annual party celebrating the athletics achievements of the past year.

Warm applause from sports officials and top athletes greeted Nebiolo, who resigned last month under pressure after nearly 20 years at the helm.

He remains president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF).

Praising Nebiolo's long commitment to sport, International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Samaranch said: "In the last 20 years Italian athletes have achieved excellent results. In a few years time, from a different perspective, greater justice will be afforded to what Nebiolo has done."



Bruno: looked slow in training

approached by several women. "It's been tedious running every morning, getting up to

about 106 rounds (of sparring) in that month. It's been a good break," Bruno said of the visit

from the mother of his two children.

"I feel recharged and happy," added Bruno, who is not married.

Bruno's manager, Terry Lawless, was asked about the break with tradition, but instead Bruno quickly answered.

"It was my idea. Some boxers' wives never leave their sides during training camp," Bruno said. "A lot of them have had their wives in. I've had my lady here for two days. Are you trying to make a (newspaper) exclusive about that?" he asked reporters.

It was debatable whether it was the break with fading boxing tradition, but Bruno, a giant of a man with the chisled body of a weightlifter, was unimpressive in his six rounds of sparring under a white tent on a hill in this desert village.

He appeared stiff and was easily hit by the journeymen sparring partners. His timing was off as he missed uppercuts and jabs, which should be important weapons against Tyson.

Bruno, six feet three and one-half inches tall (1.91 metres), and about 230 pounds (104 kg), even appeared leadfooted when jumping rope.

Bruno was asked about

Tyson's insistence that no fighter can beat him.

"There is no human being who is unbeatable," said Bruno, who refused to say how he would win the scheduled 12-round fight against the 22-year-old undefeated champion.

"I'm not going to get involved in it. Just believe me, it's a peak time to beat him," said Bruno, who sparred with Tyson for about a week several years ago.

"Mike Tyson hasn't improved much except he's gotten richer. I think he was much more aggressive as a youngster than he is now," Bruno said.

Lawless said that his fighter is ready for anything.

"If he (Tyson) hits low, we'll hit low," Lawless said. "If he hits after the bell, we'll hit after the bell."

Bruno said he is unconcerned about being a heavy underdog. "People say I don't stand a chance," Bruno said. "But I'm a human being. I've got a bit of pride. I've got a bit of dignity."

"There's 2,000 English people coming over here. My lady's coming over here. I don't want to go in there and embarrass myself."

## KUWAIT CHESS FEDERATION



## ANNOUNCEMENT

Kuwait Chess Federation has the pleasure to announce registration for a training course, for males and females.

Registration will take place at K.C.F. premises in Jabriya, between 6 pm and 9 pm daily from 11.2.1989 to 28.2.1989, except Fridays.

The commencement of the training will be announced later on.

Kuwait Chess Federation



## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Seb Coe

LONDON, Feb 8, (Reuters): Former Olympic 1,500 metres champion Seb Coe has withdrawn from the British team for the European Indoor Athletics Championships in the Hague, Netherlands, on Feb 18-19 because of a calf muscle injury.

## English club

NEWCASTLE, England, Feb 8, (UPI): Newcastle United, struggling for English First Division soccer survival, today completed the £250,000 (\$425,000) part-player exchange for the services of Preston striker Gary Brazil.

## Guaraja Open

GUARAJA, Brazil, Feb 8, (Reuters): Top seed Luiz Mattar of Brazil produced a comfortable first round victory over compatriot Cesar Kist at the \$130,000 Guaraja Open tennis tournament yesterday.

## Somali players

NAIROBI, Feb 8, (Reuters): Seven Somali soccer players who sought political asylum in Kenya will probably go home with the team, a senior immigration official said today.

## Closed-circuit TV

ROME, Feb 8, (AP): Italy's interior minister said today that all large soccer stadiums must install, by the start of next season, closed-circuit television to monitor unruly fans in an effort to reduce violence.

## France draw

DUBLIN, Feb 8, (UPI): The Republic of Ireland and France played to a scoreless draw yesterday in a disappointing international soccer friendly in which neither side was able to convert its chances into goals.

## Porto win

LISBON, Feb 7, (Reuters): A Rui Aguas hat-trick helped Porto to a 5-0 home win over Viseu in the Portuguese First Division yesterday but they remained four points behind leaders Benfica who also won.

## Free transfer

LONDON, Feb 8, (Reuters): Former England midfielder Peter Reid joined Queen's Park Rangers from First Division rivals Everton on a free transfer last night.

## British soccer

LONDON, Feb 8, (Reuters): Results of British soccer matches yesterday.

Scottish Division One  
Falkirk 2 Queen of South 0  
Postponed: Morton v Kilmarnock

Scottish Division Two  
Queen's Park 4 Stranraer 3  
Postponed: Dumbarton v Albion

## Osaka meet

OSAKA, Japan, Feb 8, (AP): Jackie Joyner-Kersey, a double gold medalist in the 1988 Olympics and holder of the US record in the 60-metre hurdles, will be among 33 foreign athletes competing on Saturday in the 1989 Osaka International Indoor Track and Field Meet, organizers said.

## ASK hosts largest basketball tourney

THE Eastern Mediterranean Activities Conference Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament start at the American School, Kuwait (A.S.K.), yesterday.

The three-day tournament is the largest basketball tournament ever held in Kuwait by the foreign school sector.

Eighteen boys and girls teams from Abu Dhabi, Jordan, Egypt, Greece, Syria, Dubai and Kuwait are taking part in the event.

## BARNES AND ROBSON SCORE FOR VISITORS

## England edge Greece in friendly

ATHENS, Greece, Feb 8, (AP): England downed Greece 2-1 today in an exhibition match held at the Athens Olympic stadium.

Greek striker Dimitris Saravakos opened the scoring with a penalty kick with less than a minute on the game clock.

Liverpool's John Barnes levelled in the 8th minute and Manchester United's Brian Robson made it 2-1 in the 78th.

The friendly match was held to prepare the two teams for the preliminary rounds of the World Cup, scheduled in Italy next year. England plays Albania in a preliminary match next month in Tirana.

It was the first time the Greek side has managed to score against England in a senior international since the two teams first faced off 18 years ago in London's Wembley stadium. The two teams have had five previous encounters. The Greeks lost four and played one to a scoreless draw.

"Their performance was fairly satisfactory. We had a spell in the second half, I think, when we were a little complacent, that we



Greece's Yannis Kalitzakis (foreground) fouls an England player. (Reuters wirephoto)

lacked a little bit of urgency," said Bobby Robson, England's team manager.

Dimitris Saravakos, Panathinaikos Athens' ace striker, scored on a penalty kick after

Arsenal midfielder David Rocastle knocked down Greek forward Yiannis Samaras 40 seconds into the game.

Just over seven minutes later, Greek midfielder Yiannis Kalitzakis fouled Arsenal's Alan Smith and gave striker John Barnes the opportunity to equalize with a free kick a few yards outside the penalty area.

Barnes, who co-ordinated most of England's attacks, lobbed the ball over a wall of Greek defenders hitting the crossbar and rebounding off goalie Spyros Economopoulos into the net.

Greece, playing with a weak midfield, was unable to feed the ball to its strikers, giving England the initiative. But the English squad missed some scoring opportunities in the first half.

In one of the lost opportunities, Gary Lineker failed to head the ball into the Greek goal-mouth after a foul kick by Nottingham Forest's Neil Webb in the 16th.

A header from Lineker in the 78th, however, set up a perfect down the middle shot for Robson, who whacked the ball into

the left side of the Greek goal-mouth.

Playing before 7,000 fans at the 80,000-seat stadium, neither team put on a brilliant performance.

In the only instance of fan violence, Greek supporters got rowdy after England's winning goal and began throwing objects at about 200 English backers. But more than 100 riot police prevented further incidents.

## Lineups:

England: Peter Shilton, Gary Stevens, Stuart Pearce, Neil Webb, Des Walker, Terry Butcher, Brian Robson, David Rocastle, Alan Smith, (78th Peter Beardsley), Gary Lineker, John Barnes.

Greece: Spyros Economopoulos, Iakovos Hadjiathanassiou (72nd, Stelios Manolas), Giorgos Koutoulas, Kostas Mavridis, Yiannis Kalitzakis, Nikos Tsiatialis, Panayiotis Tsalouhidis, Nikos Nioblias, Kostas Lagonidis (40th, Stefanos Borbokis), Dimitris Saravakos, Yiannis Samaras (45th), Vangelis Kalo-geropoulos).

## Friends deny suicide bid

## Borg overdose reports doubtful: doctors

MILAN, Feb 8, (Reuters): Doctors today cast doubt on press reports that five-times Wimbledon tennis champion Bjorn Borg tried to kill himself with a massive drug overdose after a tiff with his pop-star fiancée.

Borg was rushed to hospital semi-conscious from the Milan home of sultry singer Lorenda Berté yesterday morning and had his stomach pumped.

Doctors said he had taken an overdose of Roipnol, a powerful sleeping pill.

But friends and Borg aides denied he had attempted suicide, saying he had taken a couple of pills to sleep after stomach pains following a restaurant meal.

Milan's Corriere Della Sera, the second biggest paper in Italy, said today that Borg, 32, had tried to take his life after Berté, 38, threatened to leave him during a row in the early hours of Tuesday.

She called an ambulance after finding him ill in the morning, the

paper said. Like several other Italian papers, Corriere said Borg had taken 60 Roipnol pills.

Doctors raised severe doubts about this version because the drug is strictly controlled, because it is available only in packets of 30 and because Borg was out of hospital within three hours.

Borg and Berté, who were reported to be dismayed after Roman Catholic officials blocked their plans for a church wedding in Milan since they are both divorced, went out by taxi last night with a police escort.

The ice-cool tennis star, whose ill-luck in love has contrasted with his triumphant sporting career, looked recovered and relaxed. The couple were holding hands.

Asked if it would be normal to leave hospital after three hours following a dose of 60 Roipnol, Dr Giuseppe Carafa, a drugs specialist in Rome, told Reuters: "I don't think so. This is an

extremely high dose... unless he was taken to hospital very fast and had his stomach pumped very fast."

"It's not possible that he could have walked out of the hospital so quickly."

Carafa said the normal dose of Roipnol was a half to one tablet. It is also used to treat former drug addicts suffering withdrawal symptoms who can take what he called a "very high dose" of three or four pills.

Expressed "If you took 60 you would sleep for 10 days," he said.

Three other doctors also expressed scepticism about the reports that Borg took 60 Roipnol, which is available only on non-renewable medical prescription.

But they said even a high overdose of the drug was probably not fatal. "I would not choose it to commit suicide," said one doctor who asked not to be named. Hospital staff who treated Borg refused to say how many

pills he had swallowed or to comment on whether he tried to commit suicide. They said Borg, who retired from professional tennis in 1983, did not say how many he had taken.

Borg, whose lack of temperament on court earned him the nickname "Ice-Borg," seemed almost invincible in his heyday of the late 1970s.

Instantly recognisable by his shaggy blonde hair held back by a headband and heavy top-spin ground strokes, he took a huge bag of titles including a record five consecutive Wimbledon victories.

But his love-life was a lot less successful. His marriage to Romanian tennis player Mariana Simonescu ended in divorce after four years and in 1985 he took up with former model Janneke Bjorling by whom he has a son, Robin.

They split up last year and Borg began an affair with Berté, known for her sexy singing style and stormy private life.

## Gough helps Scots tame Cypriots

LIMASSOL, Cyprus, Feb 8, (AP): Scotland squeaked to a 3-2 win over Cyprus in a World Cup Group 5 qualifier with a header by Glasgow Rangers' Richard Gough just 10 seconds from the final whistle. Halftime score was 1-1.

It was Gough's second goal of the match and the clincher came during two minutes' injury time to save the Scots, favourites with Yugoslavia to make the finals, from an ignominious draw.

Scotland now moves up to share the top place in the Group 5 standings with five points from three games played.

Yugoslavia also has five points from three games, but has a slightly better goal difference, 8 for and three against compared to the Scots' 6-4.

The Scots, cheered by 1,500 Scottish fans and hundreds of British servicemen from nearby sovereign bases, found that the plucky Cypriots were no walk-over in the match at the peaced Tsirion stadium in this port city of the Mediterranean island's southern coast.

## Account

But Maurice Johnston of Nantes quickly penetrated the Cypriot defense to open the account in the 8th minute by banging one past goalkeeper George Pantziaras.

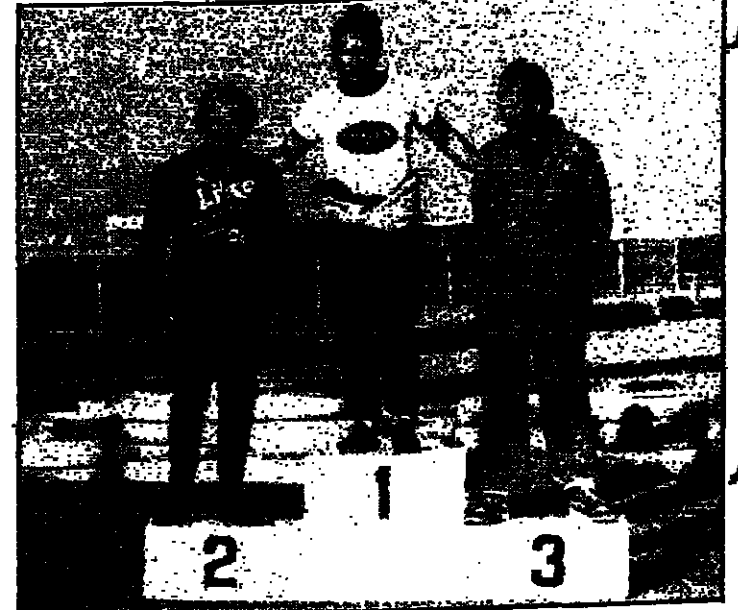
The game seemed until the Cypriots equalised with a sizzler from Christos Koliandris in the 34th minute.

The second half saw both sides desperately trying to score a winning goal. Then John Ioannou of Cyprus booted in a short stab in the 37th minute.

The Scots hammered back four minutes later when Gough notched his first goal with a side kick.

Aston Villa's muscular striker Alan "Rambo" McNally was brought on 22 minutes into the second half and the Cypriots were under pressure.

McNally, who has scored 21 goals this season, constantly harried the Cypriot goal, but never quite got it right. One corner from Johnston hit the post.



Gandy (centre), Lloyd (left) and Snell on the victory podium after finishing first, second and third respectively in the fifth race.

## Gandy scores easy win in 8th round

PAUL GANDY, sponsored by Mahdi Habib Commercial Establishment, won the eighth round of the Ahmadi Challenge Cup this week by triumphing in three of the five races.

Second overall in Friday's kart races was David Haines, driving for Halibuton, while Simon Lloyd (Like-Cola) was third.

The first race started with drivers having trouble on the tight and twisting track. Gandy crashed through the marker cones, taking Richard Thomas with him. Thomas quickly restarted his kart but was unable to jump into the kart due to a knee injury.

Comfortable Lloyd, leading from pole position, maintained his lead and scored a comfortable victory. Mike Snell finished in second place, closely followed by Haines. Burfoot finished fourth, Gandy fifth and Joseph sixth.

The 2nd race had seven racers due to two non-starters — Allan and Peter. Haines holding pole position was badly shaken when he went off track on the 1st lap placing himself in 5th position, and losing out to Gandy who got a good lead and won the race. Lloyd maintained his speed and came in 2nd, "Steel Snell" recovering from his clash with Haines during the 5th lap went on to come 3rd. Joseph dropped from 3rd to 4th place. Burfoot remained at 6th position.

The same seven drivers were all set for the 3rd race with Lloyd holding pole position. Lloyd spun off during the 1st lap due to non-existent brakes which put him behind the rest of the drivers but proceeded to take the 6th place. Snell also went off track and carried on to position himself 5th. Gandy's spectacular James Bond spin, commonly

known as a "wheelie" on four-wheeled automobiles, resulted in his losing his 2nd position and came 3rd. Haines kept his lead and won the race. Thomas showed the audience some good driving and came 2nd while Joseph was 4th.

Combined The 4th race saw only 6 karters as Lloyd's brakes were still faulty. Gandy having pole position won the race. Haines lost his 2nd position to Thomas during the 4th lap. Snell and Burfoot did not complete due to engine problems while Joseph came in 3rd. Results: 1st: Gandy, 2nd: Thomas, 3rd: Joseph, 4th: Haines.

The final race consisting of 15 laps was full of action-packed racing combined with sport-humoured challenge. The 7 karters were back on the grid. Gandy had pole position and speeded into victory holding his lead all through the race.

Haines challenged Gandy for the first 2 laps but lost his chances of winning when he spun off the track after colliding into the back of Gandy's kart and losing control. Lloyd (his brakes fixed) jumped ahead and kept his 2nd position with Snell tailing him closely.

However, the 8th lap saw Snell spin off at the club house turn losing his 3rd place. Joseph and Thomas were now fighting for 3rd position, respectively, when they collided into each other at the final lap and could not restart. This left Burfoot, Snell, and Haines, vividly out-smarting each other for 3rd place. Burfoot kept Snell at bay until the last lap when at the finish line Snell breathtakingly claimed 3rd position by being inches ahead of Burfoot. Results: 1st: Gandy, 2nd: Lloyd, 3rd: Snell, 4th: Burfoot, 5th: Haines.

colm Marshall and batsman Desmond Haynes both reacted angrily at what they believed were umpiring mistakes during the fifth Test, officiated by Ric Evans, in his first Test, and Peter McConnell, in his fifth.

"They made a few mistakes — no doubt about it," Lloyd told reporters. "Nobody's infallible but they made five or six mistakes in this match."

Lloyd said he would "mention" the performance of McConnell and Evans in his report on the match to the Australian cricket board.

## Border, Lloyd call for same umpires in whole series

ADELAIDE, Australia, Feb 8, (Reuters): West Indies manager Clive Lloyd and Australian captain Allan Border called for just two umpires to be appointed for future Test series between the two countries.

Speaking after the fifth and final Test ended in a draw yesterday they said umpiring consistency had suffered during the series because of the rapid changeover in umpires.

"I think they could have put two experienced umpires in for the whole series," said Lloyd. West Indies pacesman Mal-

## Shovon makes history

SHOVON JAMALY made Bangladesh tennis history when he led his country to a 3-2 victory over Iraq in a Davis Cup match in Baghdad this week.

The 20-year-old tennis player is deaf and dumb but has not let this handicap get in his way to achieving success on the tennis court.

Completed Last Friday, he first beat Iraq's Khadim Hussain 6-3 6-4 2-6 6-2 in the singles. He then partnered Faisal Rahman to victory in the doubles on Saturday and on Sunday he completed his part in all of Bangladesh's wins by thrashing Ali Hussein in the reverse singles.

Shovon started his international career by taking part in the 1981 Asian Tennis Championships. He later took both the singles and doubles titles at the 1982 Junior Asian Championship in Brunei.

The young tennis star soon became Bangladesh's junior champion and went on to take the senior title in 1987. Since then he has taken part in all international events entered by Bangladesh.

The tour is being sponsored by the Volvo agent in Kuwait, SAS Hotel and the Scandinavian Airlines.

Shovon Jamaly gladdened. Shovon got his coaching in Australia and the United States. He was named Best Tennis Player in 1987 by the Bangladesh Sports Journalist Association.

One of Shovon's finest games was in his debut Davis Cup match in March, 1987, against Pakistan's Haseeb Ahsan. He fought valiantly before going down 12-142-69-11 after a 192-minute battle.

Injuries Pakistan manager Intikhab Alam said in an interview it was not possible to fit in the extra Test. "It's been a very long tour. To play three Tests over 18 days is asking too much."

He said the team had been on tour for the best part of a year and had too many injuries to cope with such a demanding programme. "There was no possibility," he said.

Captain Imran Khan said he was unaware of any offer from the council.

## Swedish coaches conduct tennis clinic

By Lima Al Khalafawi

KUWAIT'S tennis enthusiasts were provided an opportunity to watch some excellent tennis when a Swedish promotional and demonstration event got under way at the SAS Hotel yesterday.

Two senior players, one the coach and the other a Davis Cup doubles partner of Bjorn Borg, are in Kuwait with two other young Swedish players to conduct a tennis clinic 'Tennis the Swedish way.'

Started The coaches Ove Bengtson and Percy Rosberg have started the public demonstration clinics for a selected group of local players and are also playing matches.

The junior players, Thomas Enquist and Mattias Frisk, will play against Kuwaiti players as well as between themselves. Their ranking as No. 1 and No. 2 in their respective age groups



The Swedish ambassador (right) with the coaches and players.

guarantees a high level of performance. The promotional event will end tomorrow, according to the Swedish Ambassador to Kuwait Ulf Norstrom. The ambassador was speaking at a press con-

ference held at his residence to introduce the Swedish delegation.

Rosberg was Sweden's captain and coach during 1980-83. He was also Borg's first coach when the five-time Wimbledon cham-

pion was only 11 years old. Rosberg coached Borg for nearly seven years.

Bengtson has played professional tennis and was on Sweden's Davis Cup team for 14 years. Bengtson said that tennis

became popular in his country after Borg won at Wimbledon. After Borg's retirement, Sweden has produced players like Stefan Edberg and Mats Wilander.

Rosberg added that it takes nearly seven to eight years to produce a star. He said that before Borg's victories there were only clubs in the major cities but now Sweden boasts over a 1,000 clubs all over the country.

## Regular

Nowadays the Swedish Tennis Federation takes outstanding young players under its umbrella and puts them through a regular training programme. Some players get 10 hours of training per week.

The Swedes are expected to provide some good tennis during their three days' stay in Kuwait as well as help young players improve their game.

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